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בס״ד

ב[illegible] יום [illegible] לחדש [illegible] שנת חמשת אלפים [illegible] ושלש לבריאת
עולם למנין שאנו מונין כאן [illegible] איך המרומם כ״ר נתן בן המרומם כ״ר
אליעזר [illegible] אמר לה להדא בתולתא [illegible] בת המרומם כ״ר יחיאל [illegible] יצ״ו הוי לי
לאנתו כדת משה וישראל ואנא אפלח ואוקיר ואיזון ואפרנס יתיכי כהלכות גוברין יהודאין דפלחין
ומוקרין וזנין ומפרנסין לנשיהון בקושטא ויהיבנא ליכי מהר בתוליכי כסף זוזי מאתן דחזי
ליכי מדאורייתא ומזוניכי וכסותיכי וסיפוקיכי ומיעל לותיכי כאורח כל ארעא וצביאת מרת [illegible]
בתולתא דא והות ליה לאנתו ודין נדוניא דהנעלת ליה [illegible]
בין [illegible] בין [illegible] וצבי המרומם כ״ר נתן חתן דנן
והוסיף לה מן דיליה [illegible] וכך אמר המרומם כ״ר נתן חתן דנן
אחריות שטר כתובתא דא ותוספתא דא קבלית עלי ועל ירתי בתראי להתפרע מכל שפר ארג
נכסין וקנינין דאית לי תחות כל שמיא דקנאי ודעתיד אנא למקנא נכסין דאית להון אחריות
ודלית להון אחריות כלהון יהון אחראין וערבאין לפרוע מנהון שטר כתובתא דא ותוספתא
דא מנאי ואפילו מן גלימא דעל כתפאי בחיי ובמותי מן יומא דנן ולעלם ואחריות שטר כתובתא
דא ותוספתא דין קבל עליו המרומם כ״ר נתן חתן דנן כחומר כל שטרי כתובות ותוספות דנהגין
בבנות ישראל העשויין כתיקון חז״ל דלא כאסמכתא ודלא כטופסי דשטרי וקנינא מן המרומם כ״ר נתן בן
המרומם כ״ר אליעזר [illegible] חתן דנן [illegible] בת המרומם כ״ר יחיאל [illegible]
בתולתא דא על כל מה דכתוב ומפורש לעיל במנא דכשר למקנא ביה הכל שריר וקים

[illegible]

הנ״ל [illegible] עד
הנ״ל [illegible] עד

Marriage Contract (July 1792)

15th day of the month of Ab of the year 5553 of the creation according to the dates we are counting here in Selingenstadt in the country of Magenza (Mainz?) how

Reb Nathan son Eliezer Lieben said to the the damsel Sara daughter Reb Israel

Be you to me

באחד בשבת ארבעה עשר יום לחדש אב שנת חמשת אלפים ושש מאות ועשרים ואחד לבריאת עולם למנין
שאנו מנין כאן [illegible] איך ר' אברהם בר ר' אפרים [illegible] אמר לה להדא בתולתא שרה בת ר' חיים
הוי לי לאנתו כדת משה וישראל ואנא אפלח ואוקיר ואיזון ואפרנס יתיכי כהלכות גוברין יהודאין
דפלחין ומוקרין וזנין ומפרנסין לנשיהון בקושטא ויהיבנא ליכי מהר בתוליכי כסף זוזי מאתן
דחזי ליכי מדאורייתא ומזוניכי וכסותיכי וסיפוקיכי ומיעל לותיכי כאורח כל ארעא וצביאת
מרת שרה בתולתא דא והות ליה לאנתו ודין נדוניא דהנעלת ליה מבי אבוה
בין בכסף בין בזהב בין בתכשיטין במאני דלבושא ובשימושא דערסא חמשין זקוקין
וצבי ר' אברהם חתן דנן והוסיף לה מן דיליה חמשין זקוקין סך הכל מאה
זקוקין דכסף וכך אמר ר' אברהם חתן דנן אחריות שטר כתובתא דא ותוספתא
דא קבלית עלי ועל ירתי בתראי להתפרע מכל שפר ארג נכסין וקנינין דאית לי תחות כל שמיא
דקנאי ודעתיד אנא למקנא נכסין דאית להון אחריות ודלית להון אחריות כלהון יהון אחראין
וערבאין לפרוע מנהון שטר כתובתא דא ותוספתא דא מנאי ואפילו מן גלימא דעל כתפאי בחיים ובמות
מן יומא דנן ולעלם ואחריות שטר כתובתא דא ותוספתא דא קבל עליו ר' אברהם חתן
דנן כחומר כל שטרי כתובות ותוספתות דנהגין בבנת ישראל העשויין כתיקון חכמינו ז"ל
דלא כאסמכתא ודלא כטופסי דשטרי וקנינא מן אברהם בר אפרים חתן דנן למרת שרה בת חיים
בתולתא דא בכל מה דכתוב ומפורש לעיל במנא דכשר למקניא ביה והכל שריר וקיים
[illegible] עד אברהם בר [illegible]
יהושע [illegible] עד

on the first day of the week (Sunday)
24th of Ab 5621 of the creation according
to the date we are counting here in
Kedelheim, how Reb Abraham son
of Reb Efroim from Grosscarben said
to the Damsel Sara daughter of L'Chaim
Be you my wife according to the
Law of Moses and Israel, and
I

(follows in aramaic-hebrew the usual
condition of a marriage contract

Signed
Abraham son of Efroim

Witness: Mordehai
- - -
- Jehoshua Fri

זכרון עדות שהיתה בפנינו עדים ח"מ באחד בשבת ארבעה עשר יום לחודש אייר שנת חמשת
אלפים וחמש מאות ועשרים ואחד לבריאת עולם למנין שאנו מונין כאן ראדעלהיים איך שבאו לפנינו האחים
משה דוד יעקב ויצחק בני כ' אברהם מגראסקראטץ ואמרו לנו הוו עלינו עדים כשרים ונאמנים מה
שאנו מקבלים עלינו בחו"ז ובשבועה בפועל ממש ע"ד רבים שלא יהיה לנו תנאי וברירה
כלל כי אם ע"ד אשת אחינו בעלת השטר ובתנאי בכל לשון של זכות ויפוי כח בכל אופן המועיל ואנו
חתמנו ותנו לה האשה מ' שרה בת כ' חיים אשת אחינו אברהם מגראסקראטץ להיות בידה לעדות
לזכות ולראיה מחמת שרצינו ברצון נפשינו הטוב שלא באונס ומכח כלל כי אם בלבבנו שלימות ובנפשינו
חפצית ובדעות שלימות ומושלמות והננו מודים בפניכם היום כמודה בפני ב"ד חשוב
והוי בהודאה גמור' שהודה וקיימנו דלא בהלצה ודלא בהטעיה ודלא בהשגגה ודלא למהדר ביה מן
יומא דנן ולעולם שאם ח"ו ימות אחינו כמה"ר אברהם הנ"ל בלי ז"ק ותהיה אשתו מרת
שרה הנ"ל זקוקה לחלוץ אזי אם תתבע אחד מאתנו אחיהם הנ"ל לחלוץ לה מחוייב הוא
לפוטרה בחליצה כשירה בחנם שלא יקח ממנה או מכל צד כסף אפילו שוה פרוטה בשום תביעה
[illegible] כל תנאי [illegible] שלא אחינו בעלה הנ"ל ח"ו כשתהיה ראויה לחלוץ [illegible]
תלך אחר היבום כל הא דלעיל קבלו עליהם האחים הנ"ל בחו"ז ובשבו"ע ובבטול כל מודעות ובפיסול
כל עדי מודעות בשום בכל לשון דאמרי רבנן דמבטלי בהן מודעות שהחליצה לא יפסול ולא
יגרע כחו בשום ריעותא וגריעותא בשום מכל מה שהפה יכול לדבר והלב לחשוב ולהרהר ויהא כח
שטר זה כאלו נעשה בפני ב"ד חשוב ודלא כאסמכתא ודלא כטופסי דשטרי ויהא הכל נאמן ונברר ואושרת
לזכות וליפוי כח בעלת השטר ויד בעל השטר על העליונה ויד המערער על התחתונה וקנינא מן האחים משה דוד יעקב
ויצחק בני כ' אברהם הנ"ל למרת שרה בת חיים הנ"ל אשת אחיהם אברהם הנ"ל מגראסקראטץ בכל מה דכתוב ומפורש
לעיל במאני דכשר למקניא ביה [illegible] שריר וקיים

David May
Jakob May
Isaak May
[illegible]

מרדכי בהר"ר [illegible] ז"ל [illegible] הנ"ל עד
יהודא [illegible] נ"ע יהודה [illegible] עד

Memorandum of witness

that there were before us witnesses on the first day of the week (Sunday) 24th day of the month Ab of the year 5621 of the creation (= July - Aug. 1860) according to counting (which we count here) here in Redelheim, how came before us the brothers Moses David, Jakob and Isaak, the sons of Reb Efroim from Grosscarben, and said to us: there we have (fit according to law) kosher and trustworthy witnesses, how we take upon ourselves.... a genius undertaking that there should be no release or cancellation (of the promise) that the wife of our brother the owner of a note and writings (papers) in every way of ownership and power of attorney we have signed and handed to Mrs. Sara the daughter of Reb Chaim, the wife of our brother Abraham from Grosscarben to be in her possession as witness (proof) because it is our will, in the good will of our heart, not under pressure at all but with full hearts and willing souls and in full sound minds and we confess (declare) before you this day as it is declared before a proper and valid Beta-Din (Religious Court) with full knowledge straightforward and valid, with none of (various) reservations - - -

that if Heaven forbid our brother Reb Abraham should die without a son children and his wife Mrs. Sara as mentioned above will be eligible for chaliza, or there of one of us brothers (mentioned above) be willing to give her chaliza, he will be obliged to give free her by a valid Chaliza free (without payment) that he will not take from her or her plenipotentiary even the value of a perutta (penny) at all, immediately after (the ending of) three month of the knowledge of our brother the husband of the mentioned, when she will be eligible for chaliza and especially that the Jibum will go after the Jibum took it upon themselves the brothers as above in . . . —

and in full cancellation of the mental reservation - - -
the witnesses confess (declare) in full meaning (language)
as said by the rabbis who invalidated this
chaliza is not invalid, and its power will not deminish
by all
what the mouth can speak and the mind heart to think

- - - - - -

and this note as if made in a valid Beth Din (Court)
with no and no
and everything judged and explained for the benefit
and the power of the owner of this note, and her
hand (power)

the brothers Moses, David, Jakob and Isaak the ~~sons~~ of
Reb Efroim as above to Mrs. Sara daughter of Chaim as above
the wife of our brother Abraham as above from Grosearben
with all what is written and explained above - - - -
everything executed and valid.

D. M. Mordchai - - - witness
J. M ~~Hersch Zwi~~ - - -
I. M Jehoschua Zwi
M. M

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1. Certification of citizenship
To Lipman Gruenebaum of Seligenstadt it is hereby confirmed, upon demand, that he, on April 9, 1866, after the bylaws of the community, after previously fulfilling all of his obligations has been entered into the local citizenship register of the community of Seligenstadt.

Grand Duchess City Hall - Seligenstadt April 9, 1866

2. We, Ludwig by the Grace of God Granduke of of Hessen and by ??????? herbey document that we have, Heinemann Gruenebaum born in Seligstadt, district Seligenstadt county, accepted into our protection under the explicit stipulation that he will abide by the Jewish, as well as all country-wide laws and regulations and to observe same as all of our subjects, and be loyal, obedient and ready, and in consideration of the taxes fulfilling in timely fashion. We therefore order all our officials to extend to the into our protection accepted Jew Heinemann Gruenebaum every aid, assistance and protection which is due strangers enjoying citizenrights. This protection, however, is extended only to him, his wife and children as long as they are with him and unmarried. If they chose a different trade or marry they will have to fulfill the requirements for a protected Jew to be granted our protection.
Documented by our Grand Duchess Government, signed and sealed, according to the highest order,
Grand Duchess Hessen in the province of Frankenburg,
Hingeleben

3.
Durchlauchter Fuerst
Gnaedisgter Fuerst und Herr
Keine Epoche meines Lebens kann mir wichtiger seien, und keine mir merkwuerdiger bleiben als diejenige worinnen mir das unschaetzbare glueck zu theil worden ist der gnaedigst lautenden Hochfuerstlichen Durchlaucht bei dem ungluecklichen Wechsel der dinge gnaedigst da sie als .....worden zu sein; - keine groessere beruhigung haette meinem herzen zugehen koennen als die ich ....meine unerloeschlich treu dienstige Anhaenglichkeit. in das hochfuerstlich Haupt Werbung im Dienst....be....digen zu koennen. Fuer den Audruck der in mir sich regenden Gefuehle ist die Sprache zu arm,- Federstrich zu matt. Zudessen belebt mich die hoechste Gnade Eur. Hochfuerst Durchlaucht mit der Hoffnung dass Sie dieselben genehmigen werden wenn ich den schwachen Ausdruck meines hoechsten Dankesgefuehl nicht ganz unterdruecke.

Aus eben diesem innigst geruehrten Herzen fliessen aber auch die .....mich bei dem gluecklich wieder folgenden Geburtstag Eur. Hochfuerstlich Durchlaucht durch gluehende Wuensche mit welchen ich die Goettliche Vorsehung fuer Hochfuerst. Durchlaucht's ununterbrochen teuerste Gesundheit und des langwehrtisten Leben und mit welchem ich die unterthaenigste Bitte zu verbunden wage dass Eure Hochfuerstliche Durchlaucht auch ferner hier genaedigst geruhen moechten meiner mir .....fallenden Pflichtschuld im Eifer fuer den Grossfuerstlichen Dienst und es .....das mir gnaedigst anvertraute .....mit derjenigen Huld und Gnade anzusehen zu deren theuren Gewaehrung ich mich .....in hoechster Ehrfurcht zu Fuessen lege als ich ersterbe.

A letter to
Your Serene Highness and Merciful Highness and Master:

A letter in flowery language by someone who hopes to be employed to serve the nobleman.

Unfortunately, some words could not be deciphered

Bürgeraufnahme-Zeugniss.

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Dem Lissmann Grünebaum von Seligenstadt wird hiermit auf Verlangen bezeugt, daß er nach den Bestimmungen der Gemeindeordnung am 9ten April 1866 in das Ortsbürgerregister der Gemeinde Seligenstadt, nach vorheriger Erfüllung aller ihm obliegenden Leistungen, eingetragen worden ist.

Seligenstadt am 9ten April 1866.

Großherzogliche Bürgermeisterei Seligenstadt

GR. HESS. BURGERMEISTEREI SELIGENSTADT

Wolf

15 fl.

Wir Ludewig von Gottes Gnaden Grossherzog von Hessen und bei Rhein &c.

Urkunden hierdurch, dass Wir den Heinemann Grünebaum aus Seligenstadt gebürtig, in Unseren Schutz nach Seligenstadt, Landrathsbezirks daselbst aufgenommen haben, unter der ausdrücklichen Bedingung, dass er sich der Judenordnung sowohl, als allen übrigen landesherrlichen Gesetzen und Vorschriften gemäss verhalten und solche genau beobachten, wie alle Unsere Unterthanen Uns getreu, gehorsam und gewärtig seyn, und allen in Rücksicht der Abgaben noch erscheinenden Verordnungen pünktlich nachleben solle.

Wir befehlen demnach Unseren sämmtlichen Beamten, diesen in Unseren Schutz aufgenommenen Juden Heinemann Grünebaum jede Hülfe, Beistand und Schutz angedeihen zu lassen, der den Schutzverwandten gebührt. Dieser Schutz erstreckt sich jedoch nur auf ihn, sein Weib und Kinder, solange diese unverehlicht bei ihm in seinem oder eines andern Erwerb und Brod

stehen

Das Stempel ist mit 15 fl. bezahlt.

~~Dienste~~ fernere beschäftigen zu können. Für den Ausdruck der
die mich jetzt regenden Gefühle ist die Sprache zu arm, –
hinreichend zu [illegible]. – Indessen bleibt mir die frohe
[illegible] Ew. Hochfürstl. Durchlaucht mit der Gesinnung, daß
Hochdieselben genehmigen werden, wenn ich den schwachen Theil
[illegible] meiner tiefsten Dankgefühle nicht ganz ausdrücke.

Auch aber dieser innigst gerührten Herzen fließen aber
auch die heißesten, mir bey dem glücklich ~~[illegible]~~ frohen ~~[illegible]~~
Geburtsfeste Ew. Hochfürstl. Durchlaucht [illegible]
Wünsche, mit welchen ich die Göttliche Vorsehung für
Höchstdero ununterbrochene dauerhafte Gesundheit, und ein
langwierigstes Leben anflehe, und mit welchen ich die
unterthänigste Bitte zu verbinden ~~wage~~ mich erkühne, daß
Ew. Hochfürstl. Durchlaucht auch fernerhin gnädigst ge-
ruhen möchten, meinen mir [illegible] [illegible] pflichtschuldigen
Eifer für den Hochfürstlichen Dienst, und des ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] [illegible]
ein gnädigst [illegible] Interesse und denjenigen Huld
und Gnade [illegible], zu deren ferneren Gewährung ich mich
ebenso in tiefster Ehrfurcht zu Füßen lege, als ich
ersterbe

Ew. Hochfürstl. Durchlaucht

Offenbach den 28. Juny 1817.

treu unterthänigster
Ernst Victor Gelder.

Durchlauchtigster Fürst,

Gnädigster Fürst und Herr!

Frankfurt, am 20. VI. 11

Sehr geehrte gnädige Frau!

Besten Dank für die frdl. Karte. Verzeihen gn. Frau, bitte, daß ich nicht früher etwas von mir hören ließ. Die Kinder waren bis jetzt immer gesund u. sehr fidel. Fredy brachte heute wieder 0 Fehler beim Diktat, aber auch eine zerrissene Hose nach Haus. Bei einem Kampf mit der K. scheint er wieder etwas arg, zu mutig vorgedrungen zu sein. Die Aufgaben macht er ziemlich allein, er muß sich jetzt schon mit Zeit- u. Eigenschaftswörtern abmühen u. das Rechnen geht ihm auch sehr leicht

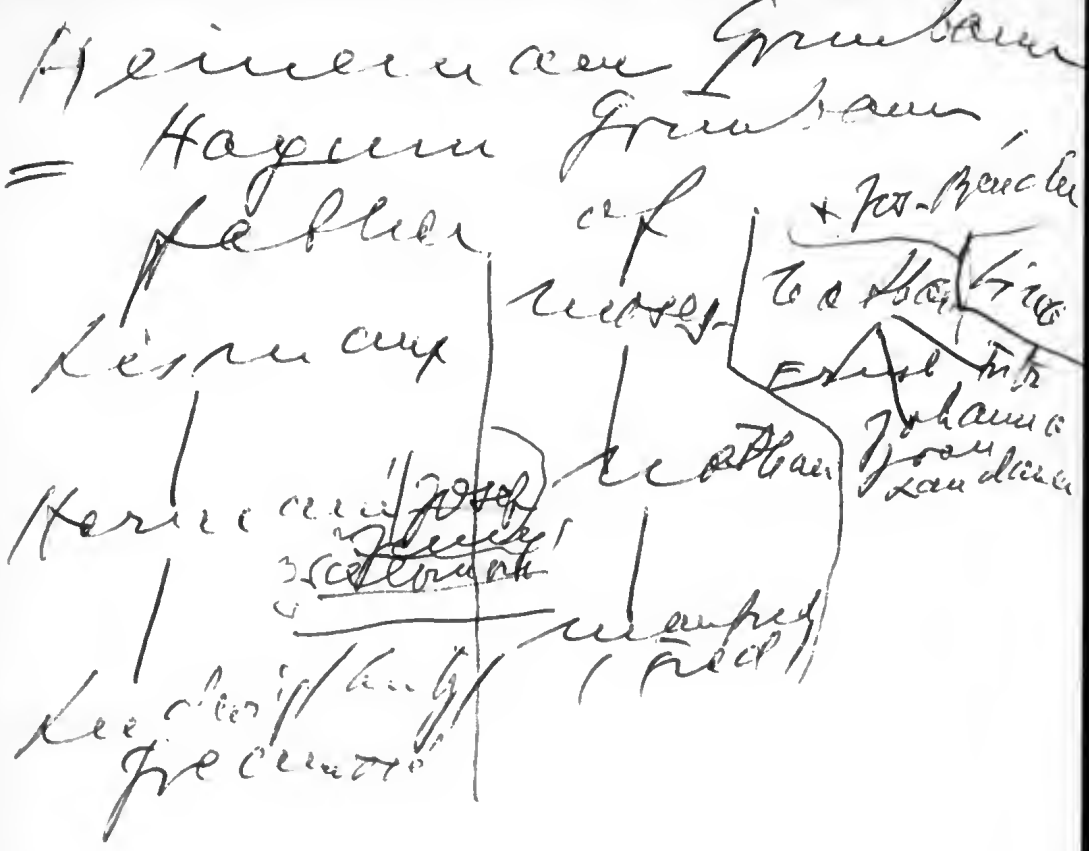
dem Schlittschuhlaufen ist es leider nichts mehr geworden, es weht schon Frühlingsluft, auch hat es gestern abend tüchtig gedonnert. Die Kinder freuen sich schon sehr auf ihre l. Mama. Im Haus hält jetzt alles seinen gewohnten Gang. Olga erlaubt sich vielmals zu grüßen.

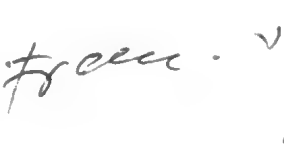
In der Hoffnung, daß sich gn. Frau ebenso wohl befinden wie die Kinder, gestattet sich ergebenst zu grüßen

Babette Gunst

Erlaube mir auch Frau Freund u. Frl. Lilly bestens zu grüßen.

Lore ist sehr lieb, hilft im Haushalt tüchtig mit. Sie räumte mit großer Geduld die Nähtischlade ein, deckte mit Tisch u. staubte heute sogar das Kinderzimmer ab. Beide haben z. Zt. einen großen Appetit, es gibt kein Brötchen mehr, das herumliegt, sondern es werden immer noch mehr dazu verlangt.
Teddy hatte sich voriger Woche auch eine Steinsammlung im Überzieher angelegt, die mindestens 5 ℔ wog u. mit größter Zähigkeit allen Ansichten gegenüber verteidigt würde.
Der Clownanzug hat ihm ganz gut gepaßt, leider war Lore das Rotkäppchenkostüm etwas klein u. sie bekam das von ihr so sehr gewünschte Dirndlkleid an. Bei ihrem Freunde hat es ihnen sehr gut gefallen, es waren 24 Kinder da, reizende Masken. Lore tanzte mit Paul Gärtner Polonaise u. wurde von ihm auch zu Tisch geführt. Er engagierte sie, indem er ihre Hand nahm „so, ich hab' eine". Teddy, der alle Schüchternheit überwand, holte sich mit derselben Höflichkeit Pauls Schwester. Am vorigen Donnerstag war Te. bei seinem Freunde [illegible] eingeladen, auch hier hat es ihm sehr gut gefallen. Am nächsten Sonntag sind sie beide wieder eingeladen. Leider war in den letzten 2 Tagen das Wetter nicht so günstig daß wir ausgehen konnten. Mit





Heinemann Grünbaum
= Hayum Grünbaum,
father of

Lismann	Moses	+ Jos. Bender
		Nathan Lina
		Ernst Fritz
		Johanna von Landauer
Hermann	Nathan	
Ludwig (Lutz)	Manfred (Fred)	
Jeannot		

Franz v. Hayum G. is
ge G. may

Grunbaum family lived in Seligenstadt, Hessen/Main (Kreis Offenbach) since the middle of the 18th Century.

(Expulsion from Prague? 1745?)

In 1933-1934 my father Fritz Grunbaum had the old "Synagogue Memor Book" examined + it was found that the original Grunbaum ancestor came from Bohemia + was a Rabbi + Hebrew Teacher. The family provided Hebrew Teachers to the local congregation till the death of Rabbi Nathan Grunbaum about 1842?

The synagogue was burned in 1938 + so did the Memorbook. but strangely a Machsor or prayerbook for a Chasan (Rabbi/Teacher) was salvaged. It contained the rites for Poland, Bohemia + Moravia + * was printed in 1719 in Wilhermsdorf (Moravia)

* (see front cover M. Spalm - Zur Geschichte der Seligenstädter Juden - 1986 - Publisher - Magistrat der Stadt Seligenstadt 6453 - Seligenstadt/Hessen - DBR.)

Grünbaum - 1842? | married to Goldie ? died 10/12/1823 *1
" to Marianne Lohnstein
number of children not known. Last of the Grünbaum rabbis.

- 1862? (Hayum) Grünbaum - *Schutzjude, Trader - son of Rabbi Nathan Grünbaum
Jettchen May from Rödelheim by Frankfurt.
ren -
Moses - was Taxator or Assessor of metals, (oldest son of Chaim)
married Margarethe Bender in 1863 - one ~~son~~ Nathan Greenbaum
(2) Olga - unmarried.
(3) Litzman - died very young - left a widow + 5 children.
(Grandfather of Len Greenwood).
(4) Lina (Carolina) ~~married~~ Löb? lived in Gross-Karben, died childless
(5) Sara, married a Hirsch? lived in Gross-~~Gerau~~ Gerau?
(6) Nathan - born in 1848 - 1914 - married Josephine Bender in 1880 - 3 surviving children
*(my grandfather) children (1) ~~Ernst~~ killed with wife + 2 boys in Holocaust; lived in Frankfurt
" in Seligenstadt/Ma
(2) Fritz (Friedrich Hermann) 1889-1937 my father.
(3) Johanna (1897-1955) was married to Julius Landauer - no children.
Josephine Grünbaum née Bender (my grandmother) was a suicide in 1941 at the age of 86

(Schutzbrief from Grossherzog of Hessia - 1832?

*1 Schutzjude - Protection bought from Grossherzog of Hessia - 1832?

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... Stadtregister - Zur Geschichte der Seligenstädter Juden

Der Vorstand

Strohhüte

für Herren, Knaben, Damen und Mädchen

empfehle zu den billigsten Preisen.

Nathan Grünbaum,

am Freihof, hinter dem Progymnasium.

1884 **Sofort zu vermiethen**

in Klein-Steinheim.

bauteroll erklärt werden

Auszug aus den hiesigen Standesbüchern.

1889.

Geboren wurden:

März 3. Apfel, Anna Katharina, Tochter von Karl und Margaretha, geb. Geis.

„ 3. Grünbaum, Friedrich Hermann, Sohn von Nathan und Pulchen, geb. Bender.

„ 3. Mack Johann, Sohn von Johann Dionisius und Magdalena, geb. Chatt.

„ 10. Hornung, Franziska, Tochter von Jakob und Sophie, geb. Friedmann.

„ 10. Zöller, Joseph, Sohn von Michael Anton und Barbara, geb. Pfeil.

„ 12. Geis, Adam Alois, Sohn von Johann Adam und Katharina Philippina, geb. Burkard.

„ 30. Bacharach, Friedrich Heinrich, Sohn von Jakob II. und Amalie, geb. Kah.

„ 31. Kirchner, Wilhelmine, Tochter von Johann Adam und Wilhelmine, geb. Kah.

1889. **Geheirathet haben.**

März 2. Joseph Becker III. zu Seligenstadt und Anna Maria Kaiser zu Klein-Auheim.

„ 16. Gottfried Ehart und Rosina Wittig Wwe. geb. Bohlinger zu Seligenstadt.

Nathan Grünbaum, rabbi in Seligenstadt - he had a son Chaim, whose name appears in the Freedom's letter that I have.

Nathan Grunbaum 1780-1842,was born in Pilsen,Bohemen,nov Tschekoslowakia
He was the local Rabbi in Seeligenstadt
Chaim Grunbaum was Nathan's son.He received the Schutsbrieg from the
Grossherzog of Hessen,which we have and through which he became a
Schutz Jude,a protected Jew.He had six children:
Lena
Olga
Sarah

Lissman,Lou Greenwood's grandfather
Moses,Fred's grandfather,who was a local accessor
Nathan,Ilse Eckstein's grandfather
Fred's grandmother oma Grete was a cousin of Ilse Eckstein's grandmother

I thought that you would enjoy this little story my Mom wrote several year's ago. I have re-typed it from her original typing. It is a true story of our family. She is 93, and my Dad (Manfred Grunbaum) would have been 100 on November 20, 2003, just this last week. My best, Judy Grunbaum, Ed.D.

"A Hanukah Story", by Rita Grunbaum (now aged 93)

It was Hanukah time again. We were gathered in the living room watching how the chanukia was lifted from it's place on the dark wooden mantle above the fireplace, and put carefully on a protected spot on the table.The candles and the matches were waiting to take their turn. The Shammes candle was lit by the mother, which then in turn lit the first candle. They felt so warm inside to see the light smile at them.

This was a special chanukia. It had belonged to the father's grandparents and was handed from generation to generation. During World War II, it had spent three year's in an empty dark grave in the Jewish Cemetery in Rotterdam with other sacred objects. One day after the war was over, the father went to the cemetery to find the grave. When he opened it, low and behold there was the chanukia with the broken off Shammes next to it. Another miracle had happened. When he brought it home with the other objects, the family was esctastic. After being repaired and polished, the chanukia was ready to celebrate again with it's family.

How happy they were, when the first candle was lit. They would say an extra blessing for being able to do this in their own home, instead of imagining this scene, while being incarcerated in the barrack in Bergen-Belsen. After telling this story, the family gathered around the piano. Daddy sitting down to play Maozur. The older daughter joining in with her violin, the younger one playing the flute, the grandmother and mother singing the song, while the flickering lights of the candles lit the whole scene . After the last sounds faded away, presents were distributed with great anticipation. This scene would be repeated for eight days.

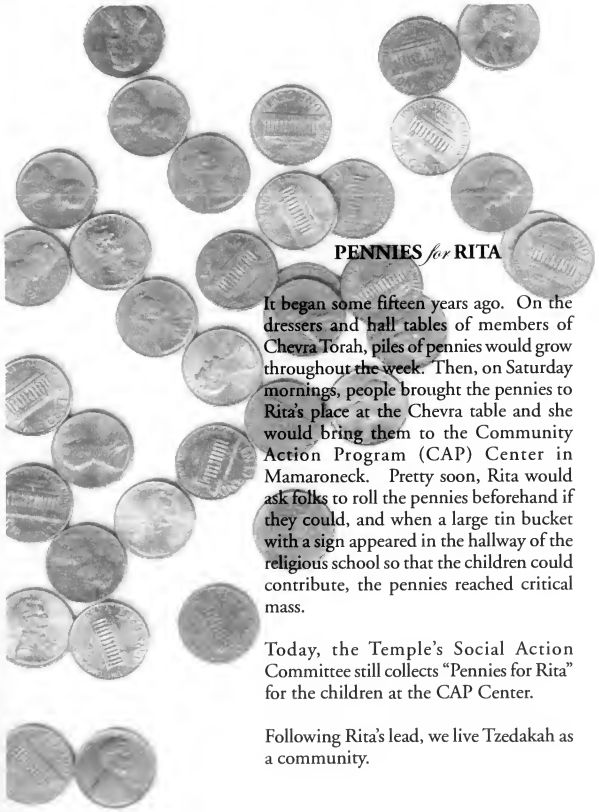
The girls remembered these special evenings as did their mother. Every year she lights the candles, now all by herself and says the blessings. She hears the music and sees the family together. It remains one of the most meaningful and happy events in her family's life.

A Tribute to

Rita Grunbaum ז"ל

Larchmont Temple

June 22, 2007



PENNIES *for* RITA

It began some fifteen years ago. On the dressers and hall tables of members of Chevra Torah, piles of pennies would grow throughout the week. Then, on Saturday mornings, people brought the pennies to Rita's place at the Chevra table and she would bring them to the Community Action Program (CAP) Center in Mamaroneck. Pretty soon, Rita would ask folks to roll the pennies beforehand if they could, and when a large tin bucket with a sign appeared in the hallway of the religious school so that the children could contribute, the pennies reached critical mass.

Today, the Temple's Social Action Committee still collects "Pennies for Rita" for the children at the CAP Center.

Following Rita's lead, we live Tzedakah as a community.

LEGACY

IN HONOR OF RITA GRUNBAUM ז"ל
AND ALL WHO EXEMPLIFY
HER COMPASSIONATE SPIRIT

Service of Tribute
"In Celebration of Caring Spirit"

Gala Dessert Reception

Larchmont Temple
Friday, June 22, 2007

LEGACY

Larchmont Temple

הר חיים

Jeffrey J. Sirkman
Rabbi

William James mused:
"The greatest use of a life is to spend it for something that will outlast it."

If this is so, Rita Grunbaum made every single day an investment in eternity.
For with an unwavering commitment of heart, Rita spent her time on this earth
sharing her gifts of spirit—of strength—of comfort—of compassion
with those who needed it most.
And in so doing,
Lifting up the downtrodden, mending the broken-hearted,
Reaching out to the most vulnerable among us,
Crying out for those who had no voice,
Rita struggled for the dignity of the human spirit,
And upheld the humanity in every life she touched.
No matter the circle—from Cancer Support to the Local Summit,
From the Inter-Faith Network to our own Temple Support Group,
Rita challenged us to do more—to be more.
But even more, Rita challenged me…
To be fully present in the face of suffering;
To stand up against injustice;
To care unconditionally—to give unqualifiedly,
To be a blessing by bringing blessing…
And what Rita taught us—with her life, and far beyond her death,
Is that we are here for the sake of others;
to transcend the worst of human suffering with the best of the human spirit.
Rita understood her place and purpose in this world,
As she hoped we would as well:
we are God's partners in Tikun—here to help mend this broken world.

I have met many a *mensch* in my 20 years at Larchmont Temple;
Kind and compassionate souls whose hearts were ever-open
And hands never ceased to give.
Rita Grunbaum was their teacher—the Master *Mensch.*
Her legacy remains the heart of our holiest aspirations as a congregation;
And every day we try—I try —to live like a *mensch,*
Her love remains alive.

With eternal gratitude,

Jeffrey J. Sirkman, Rabbi

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Mara S. Nathan
Rabbi

May 22, 2007
5 Sivan 5767

If you never had a chance to know Rita, you missed out on a truly unique experience. While I can't remember the exact first time I spoke with her, since the moment I arrived at Larchmont Temple in 1994 I feel like her presence has always been an essential piece of our congregational community.

Rita was one of the most spiritual people I have every known. She certainly loved being at services, Chevra Torah and the downstairs minyan. She was a stalwart attendee of our Rosh Chodesh service of healing, and rarely missed a Social Action Committee Meeting. But all these activities were just an excuse to be with people. She found such joy and comfort in having a rich array of personalities in her life, and her mission was to take care of each and every one of us. With phone calls, visits and letters Rita always showed she cared. She let you know how she felt (for good or bad) but her matter of fact manner was always tempered with love and devotion.

I have often reflected over the years, that Rita was like another grandmother in my life. An inspirational grandmother, who having overcome so many hardships, still embraced each day and demonstrated that growing old is no excuse for giving up on the journey of life. She learned how to use email and the internet in her 90s, she read the science section of The New York Times, watched the McNeal-Lehrer report on TV and listened to WQXR (classical music) constantly. When it became more difficult for her to get out of her apartment she took classes over the phone with Dorot and never stopped writing....poetry, letters and of course her own memoir. And I only came to know her in her 80s!!!

Rita epitomized what it means to be a mensch. Not a saintly perfect person, but a loving, involved and passionate contributor to the endless task of Tikun Olam--making our world a better place. I miss her but feel that her legacy stays with me and compels me to try and do the right thing every single day!

May her legacy continue to inspire us all,

Mara S. Nathan
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May 24, 2007

Fredda R. Mendelson
Cantor

The crown of a good name excels them all
(Pirkei Avot 4:17)

The name – Rita Grunbaum- holds a special place in our hearts. One name, one single person who truly affected an entire community. Her life was a life of good deeds, of caring... for family, community, Larchmont Temple.....but her caring didn't stop there; she cared about making the world whole. Rita was a mensch in every way. She truly deserved the title "Mensch of a lifetime" not only for all the good deeds she did but for the good deeds she inspired others to do every single day of her life. She was a tireless worker, devoted wife, mother and grandmother as well as a devoted friend to all who knew her.

On a personal level there are so many things I remember: her phone call when I first came to Larchmont Temple, the lunches we shared together, the Pre-Thanksgiving dinner she shared with my family, phone calls whenever anyone in my family was sick, looking up to see her singing "Mi Sheberach" on Shabbat and "Kol Nidre" on Erev Yom Kippur; her joy at attending concerts at Larchmont Temple and at Temple Israel Center, picking her up to attend Healing Services which she loved.....the list goes on and on.

I shall always remember this good, righteous tzaddik. This journal is a fitting tribute to her memory as well as a tribute to all who exemplify her spirit and her goodness.

Rabbi Leo Baeck said: "Through faith we experience the meaning of the world; through action we give the world meaning." Rita had faith and was able to experience the meaning of the world even through the darkest of times. Her good name and her actions gave the world meaning during her lifetime. May they continue to inspire us now and always.

Fredda Mendelson

Cantor Fredda Mendelson

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Carolyn Kamlet
President

Dear Friends:

As we worship tonight, we pay tribute to Rita Grunbaum.

In no particular order she was a mother, wife, member of a cancer support team, Jew, regular attendee at Chevre Torah, Holocaust survivor and founder of the Temple Support Group. Rabbi Sirkman has called Rita, "the mensch of a lifetime." I could not agree more. And so it is with honor that I join the congregation in paying tribute to her. Rita continues to be a role model for anyone who wants to make our community better and stronger.

Our LT congregation is blessed to have so many menschen—so many Ritas—whom I've had the good fortune to meet over the past year. It is not possible to mention all of them but here are a few.

- Our talented Choir, Shir Ami and Junior Choir performed at Sarah Neuman bringing joy to others through song.
- Recognizing those in need, this year's confirmation class's gift was a generous donation to help rebuild the nursery school at Strait Gate Church, which was destroyed in the recent flood.
- Larchmont Temple's Caring Community Committee time and again reached out to those in our Temple family who faced challenges such as the death of a loved one, age-related isolation, or serious illness.
- Our nursery school children spent months baking, planting, and creating crafts for the "Nursery School Store." Families were invited to visit the Bakery/Garden Shop." They raised $1160, which they contributed to the Social Action Committee to benefit local families affected by the flood.
- Members of the Social Action Committee and other congregants have worked for the cause of social justice by participating in the Consultation on Conscience in Washington D.C. and in the Westchester Darfur Coalition. Others collected, sorted and distributed clothing and food as part of Midnight Run.
- Members of the Ritual Committee assisted our congregation by ushering not only at the High Holy Days but also on Shabbat through out the year.

We miss Rita. However, her spirit lives on in all the menschen in our lives. We are grateful for all that they do for all of us.

B'Shalom

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TRIBUTES

Cancer Support Team is deeply indebted to Rita Grunbaum for her many years of dedicated service to our patients and their families. A social worker by training, Rita volunteered at CST since its earliest days and helped countless people who were facing the challenges of a cancer diagnosis. Rita loved to write and published her autobiography, **Rita**, at the age of 94. We have all enjoyed her book immensely. Rita's life was a testament to human dignity and hope.

Judith Dobrof, DSW
Executive Director, Cancer Support Team

Rita was something of a social conscience of the community. She was always ahead of the pack on seeking to help those in need; for instance, she was instrumental in getting taxi services to offer reduced rates for senior citizens during the middle of the day. As a Holocaust survivor, she transformed her tragic experience into a life-long passion for causes promoting goodness and understanding. She is an unforgettable inspiration.

Harold Wolfson
Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit

Rita was a woman of standards in a world quickly becoming devoid of them — Standards for herself and for those with whom she dealt. It was important to her that the things she said and did were designed to teach or help the people whose lives she touched, and that her advice was neither trite nor "well worn". Her poetry mirrored a heart full of depth and compassion. Even when she lost most of her vision, she took it in stride and found new ways of performing old tasks.

Should I be blessed to live for as many years as did Rita, I will pray for her strength, tenacity and empathy. She bestowed rare blessings on all who crossed her path.

Marina Laddin
Coordinator, University Without Walls, DOROT

Rita, no one gave their community more inspiration to overcome racial and religious barriers than you did. Thank you for continually challenging us to be better than we are.

Mary Lee Berridge
The Larchmont/Mamaroneck Interfaith Council

Rita Grunbaum was a friend to Mamaroneck CAP. She single-handedly, through collecting pennies, supported the after-school program in providing snacks for the 25 children enrolled in the program for over a period of 7 years. She was also a mentor to many of us. I enjoyed talking with Rita; she was such an inspiration. She truly was a friend to CAP and myself. She is sorely missed.

Beverly Brewer-Villa
Director, Mamaroneck Community Action Program (CAP)

LEGACY

I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you may live, you and your children. Deuteronomy 30:19

Rita chose life.

Of all the adjectives that one might use to describe her – inspiring, courageous, stubborn, complex, extraordinary – Rita was, above all, an example of *menschlikeit.* Throughout her life, from her childhood in the Netherlands to the moment of her deportation to Westerbork, from the horrors of Bergen-Belsen to the covenantal community that she helped to create in Larchmont, Rita, time and again, and in the most unimaginable circumstances, chose life over death, blessing over curse.

It is nearly a year since she was last in our midst – softly murmuring Shabbat melodies on Friday night in our sanctuary – imparting hard-won life wisdom on Saturday morning at the Chevra table – greeting a visitor on any given day in her apartment, where so many of us talked with her over lunch, sharing secrets, confidences, laughter, tears, and stories.

Every day, she is continually missed by the generations of friends she lovingly embraced, by the generations of students whose lives were changed by hearing her testimony, and by the generations of causes she stalwartly supported. Yet her legacy of courage, of caring and compassion, remains a source of inspiration to those who loved her, to those whom she inspired to take action, and to the community that cherishes her memory.

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Rita with her mother & brother, c. 1918

Rita van Leeuwen was born on the kitchen table of her home in Rotterdam, Holland on April 9, 1910. Her parents, Solomon and Selma, were respected members of the Jewish community. Her girlhood, spent in the company of her younger brother Sigurd, was comfortable and ordered. But the gift for which she was most grateful was her father's establishment of the tradition and rituals of a Jewish home – traditions to which she held fast even in the darkest of times.

While most young women in Rotterdam in the early 1930s chose "typical" careers as secretaries, Rita chose social work; specifically, working with children. She did so because of a beloved teacher, Miss Wynand, who encouraged and supported her at a time when she was little more than a 12-year old girl consumed with anxieties about school and learning difficulties. Thanks to Miss Wynand, Rita learned to overcome the issues that had held her back as a student, giving her the confidence in herself, her intellect, and her abilities, all of which would ultimately inspire her to reach beyond her own expectations. This life choice, and expression of gratitude to her teacher, enabled Rita to help generations of children, both in the Netherlands and later in her life in America.

When Rita met Manfred Grunbaum, theirs was virtually a courtship by bicycle. They would meet and talk while cycling to work. Fred would pedal alongside Rita for a while before they parted; he then went to work, and she continued cycling to the train station. In the evenings, after a long day of working at the pediatrics clinic in The Hague, Rita would often find a box of cherry bonbons in the luggage rack of her bike parked at the station.

Rita, Fred & friends, Holland, 1935

The two took weekend bike trips with close friends. They went to concerts and had the breathtaking experience of hearing *Bolero* conducted by Ravel himself. In 1936, Rita and Fred married and set up home in Rotterdam.

Rita & Fred's engagement party, 1936

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In 1940, the Nazis set Rotterdam ablaze. Holland surrendered and many Jews committed suicide. Yet Rita persuaded Fred that they have a child. Dorien was born in 1942.

In September of 1943, during the last roundup of Dutch Jews, two German SS and one Dutch Nazi came to their door. As they left, Fred leaned on the doorbell of their neighbor to signal to him what had happened. Because Dorien was not on the police list, there was a chance for Rita and Fred to leave her in the care of a Christian friend. When their baby would not cease crying, Fred scooped her back up in his arms, and they decided to remain together as a family. They were then deported to Westerbork.

While Rita, Fred and Dorien were at Westerbork, Fred's parents in Mexico sent them papers granting them permission to immigrate to Palestine. This exempted the family from deportation to Poland. However, on February 15, 1944 the family was transferred to Bergen-Belsen to be held for possible exchange for German POWs.

During the winter of 1944-1945, Bergen-Belsen was re-designated a concentration camp, and tens of thousands of evacuees were funneled into it. The amount of available food and the level of sanitation deteriorated dramatically, and disease spread throughout the camp. Fred soon took sick and could no longer work. Dorien contracted pneumonia and a serious ear infection. Rita feared for both of their lives.

On April 9, 1945 – Rita's thirty-fifth birthday, the Grunbaums were placed on an evacuation transport headed east toward Theresienstadt. They remained on the train for two weeks while it kept changing its route to evade Allied bombs. Finally, on April 23, the German guards disappeared near the town of Tröbitz. By the time of their liberation, Rita was extremely sick with typhus. After her recovery a few weeks later, Fred fell ill with the disease. On June 23rd the Red Cross transported the family to Leipzig. From there they were put on an American ambulance train for Holland, where they arrived on July 1.

It was Dorien, Rita firmly believed, who kept them alive through the hell they had endured. She said, "I used to walk Dorien in the stroller in Bergen-Belsen. I had to walk on a road that had corpses stacked on either side. I could only get through it by narrowing my vision, focusing only on my own small life, walking Dorien, and I looked at nothing else but Dorien ahead of me. That's how I got through." She also single-handedly bolstered the hope and strength of her family. Rita would tell her despairing mother, "We came here together, and we will go home together." Indeed, the family's survival was a rarity; only five percent of Dutch families survived the camps still intact.

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As a Holocaust survivor, Rita did not allow her life to be defined by those parameters alone, even as she taught that it was nearly impossible to understand the magnitude of the destruction and desolation that characterized those years. In sharing her story with others, it became evident that her remarkable self-awareness, strength of will, and stubbornness of spirit had sustained her and her family through those years of terrible suffering. Faced with the realities of the Holocaust, she lost neither her faith in G-d, nor her faith in herself. In a world that did not care much about the fate of Jews, Rita chose to steadfastly uphold her family's traditions, and for the rest of her life, remained defiantly proud of her Jewish identity.

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In 1946, Rita, Fred and Dorien arrived in America. They spent time in Texas, Mexico City, and Pittsburgh before finally settling in Brooklyn, where Rita and Fred's second child, Judith, was born in September of that year. Enduring the transition from Europe to America was not easy for Rita, as she had to find her way in a country, which, as opposed to Holland, left her with "nothing to do." Gradually, she became involved with Dorien's and Judith's school community, and at Rita's urging, the family joined a synagogue on Eastern Parkway in 1947.

Dorien, Rita, Judy & Fred, 1950

In 1951, Rita and her family moved to Larchmont, where they immediately became members of Larchmont Temple. Fred was tragically diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1957. Rita, with characteristic energy, took up the unenviable challenge of running a household, caring for an ailing spouse, raising two children, and starting her own business. In the years that followed Fred's diagnosis, Rita sustained herself and her family as a photographer, capturing the moments and memories of many Larchmont area families. As well, in 1963, she returned to the work she first loved, when she became a social worker for the Society for the Protection of Children.

Fred passed away in 1967 after many years of debilitating illness. "He had peace," Rita wrote in her autobiography. "The suffering was over. We also had peace, but would miss him so much."

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In the years that followed Fred's passing, Rita's life bore the hallmark of energy, spirit and courage that had come to define her. In 1977, she retired from social work and started a new career as a volunteer at White Plains Hospital. This led to her work with the Cancer Support Team of Mamaroneck, an organization which enabled her to help and support people suffering from cancer. In this role, she not only cared for the survivors, but gave hope and comfort to those who were terminally ill, and very frequently remained a source of consolation to those who were left behind.

Having endured great loss, this was now a time in Rita's life when she finally found tremendous joy. At a dinner party in March of 1975, she was introduced to Jerry Neisser, the man who would become one of the great loves of her life. Their life together was full of adventure. From trips to the Far East, to flying in a four-seater plane over the Brazilian rainforest, to their many evenings of great music at Caramoor, Lincoln Center, and concert venues all over the world, Rita and Jerry were a delight to one another. And there was more joy to be had: Dorien married and gave birth to Rita's first grandchild, Michael, and Judy continued to flourish as an artist and teacher.

Rita & Jerry, c. 1978

Years passed, and Rita was again touched by loss. Jerry passed away after only nine short years together. Dorien and her husband divorced; Judy was seriously injured in a car crash. Like any widow, she grieved, and like any mother, she worried. She survived, however, as she always had: by drawing people close to her, by volunteering her time and energy to comfort the sick and help those in need, by experiencing life and capturing it in her art and in her writing, by listening to the music that sustained her, and by cultivating deeper relationships with the people she loved.

In the last years of her life, her energy seldom wavered. She had friends of all ages and generations who visited her, drove her to temple, collected pennies that she would cash in and give to the Community Action Program of Larchmont and Mamaroneck. She studied Torah, questioned G-d, wrote a book. She influenced her congregation in unforgettable ways, always stirring people to action, whether it was the students who listened to her Holocaust survivor testimony on Yom HaShoah, or the women's *chavurah* that loved her for her insights, wisdom and encouragement.

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On that Friday in late August, she was ready. She had held the hands of those she loved and assured them that she would be watching over them. The Sabbath arrived, its sheltering presence softly ushering in the night sky. As thousands of Sabbath candles blazed into light, so did her spirit depart into eternity.

Rita with grandson Michael, c. 1990

Rita chose life. And there was always a sense, for her congregational family, that in choosing life, she also chose us. She chose us to hear her stories and to bear witness to her life. She chose us to receive her wisdom and to cherish her friendship. She taught us by her example; in her own words:

"..that a person can withstand much, and much more than one can imagine. That even during the darkest moments of life, there are some bright spots. And to make the best of every day."

Zichronah livracha. . . May her memory be for blessing.

Rita in Holland, 1933

Rita and a family friend, Rotterdam, 1939

Dorien, Rita & Judy, Ellenville NY, 1948

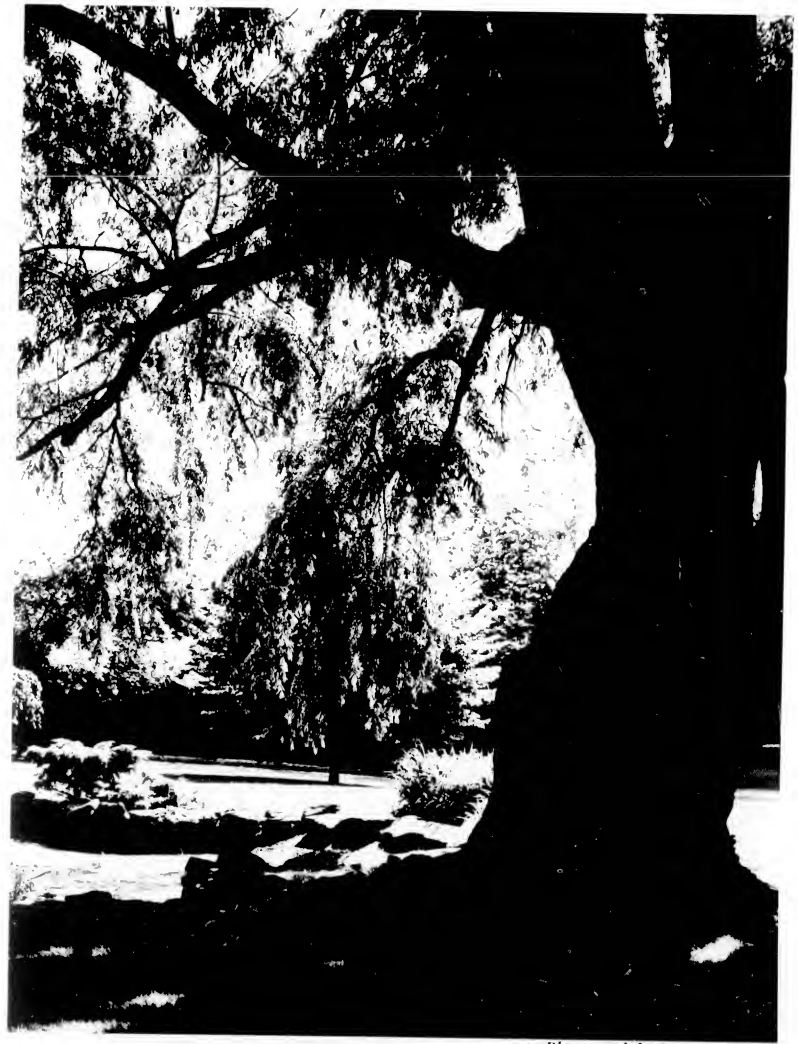
Rita in Brooklyn, 1949

Rita in the Catskills, 1948

Rita, Dorien & Judy, Brooklyn, 1949

Rita in Larchmont, c. 1973

LEGACY



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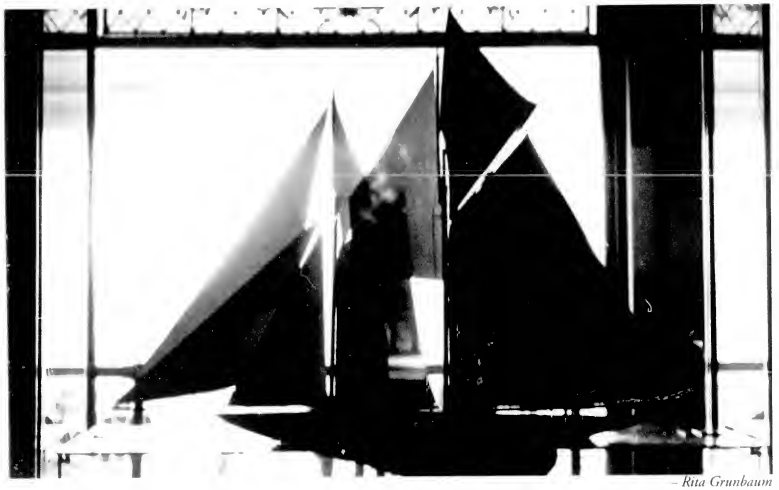

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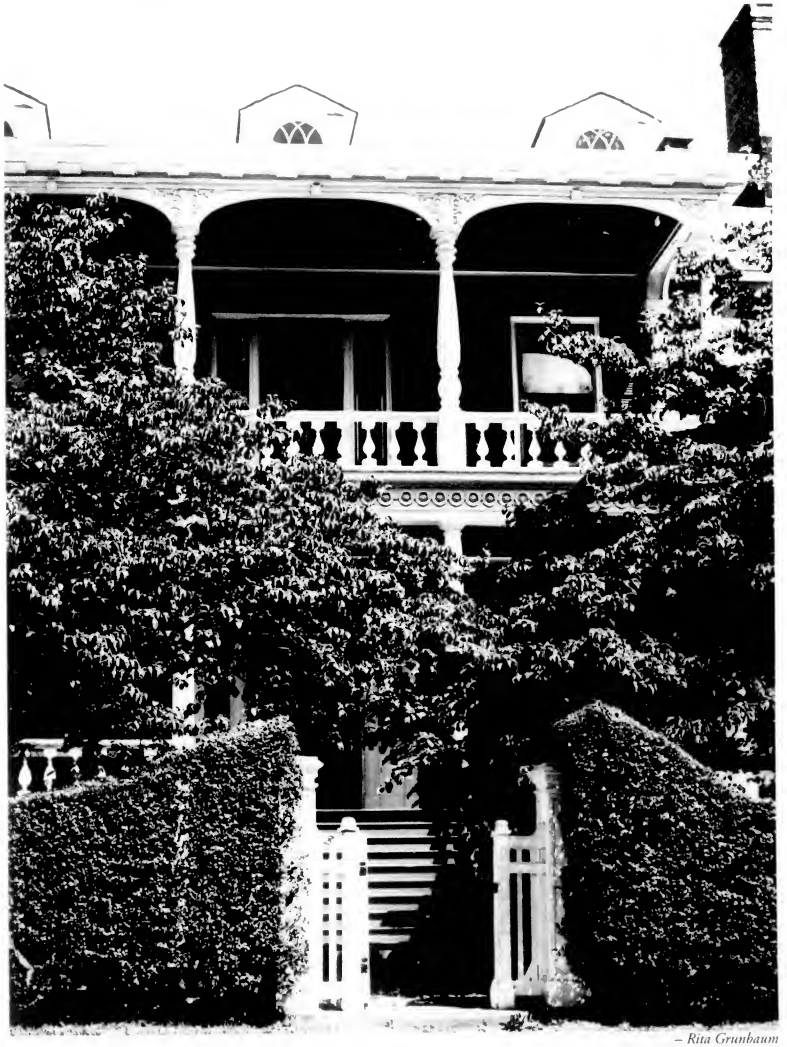

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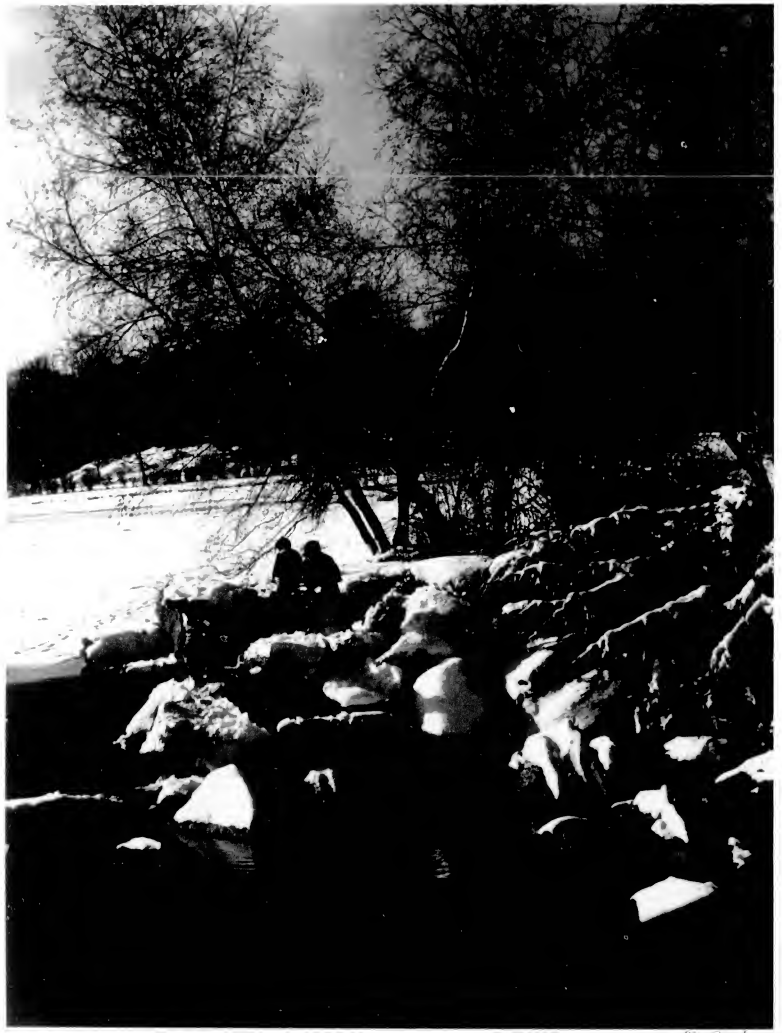

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LEGACY

Remembering RITA

To honor Rita, in brief remembrances? Impossible, but understood. Rita was our mentor, our model, our irreplaceable friend. She made us uncomfortable with complacency, with avoiding those in need of a hug or a tangible act of *tikkun olam*. On rainy nights, bitter cold nights for social action meetings or MLK events, at times not eager to go and dreading her phone call. "Bob. You'll give me a ride. Downstairs in ten minutes. Yes." Making selfishness and self-interest inexcusable, Rita brought out the best in us.

Marion and Bob Geller

Of course Rita was a model and an inspiration. But she was also such a perfect friend. She listened, she validated, she consoled, she offered suggestions, she told me hard things I needed, she was loyal and reliable; she shared confidences, gifts, frustrations, and laughs. I loved her very much and miss her every day.

Elizabeth Saenger

Rita was the keeper of memory for all of us whose lives she touched. Yet although we learned from her first-hand about the horrors and struggles of the past, it is the present in which Rita lived that made her such a remarkable individual. "This is the day that God has made—rejoice in it and be glad"—and Rita did. Every day was filled with words and deeds and living her life to the fullest.

Minna Immerman

Rita, you continue to be a great inspiration to so many - showing us how to live, love, make a difference, age, and die with dignity. Your sage advice - to not look backward - and to love forward - has helped me tremendously.

Maude Fribourg

Together walking, driving, awaiting MD appts and lunches...our chats on social work, families, loss, preventing memory loss, African violets, and Temple events. Thanks for your intro to the Cancer Support Team. Missing your integrity, humor and tough love.

Emily Laitmon

Rita Grunbaum in my opinion earned her honors and respect because she did not allow her life experiences and training to go to waste. When Rita called me to ask how I was, it really was of no surprise because after all she chose to become a social worker whose function was to assist and advise people where appropriate. I do miss her presence.

Marilyn Breiter

You knew that Rita took an interest in you when she adopted you. It wasn't easy to be hers and to meet her standards. She had a way of asking, "Where were you last Friday night?" that told you it wasn't an ordinary question. She knew exactly what you owed your Judaism and was there to collect it. Maintaining a good credit rating with Rita was important. I had hoped against hope that she would be there for my second bar mitzvah. I missed her critique.

Irv Zuckerman

In 2003, I was at an evening Torah study class. Of course, Rita was there too. At this particular session, we were talking about the story of Joseph. When Joseph was walking in the desert, looking for his brothers, he met an *Ish*. In Hebrew, *Ish* means man, but in the *Midrash*, the word *Ish* means an extraordinary type of person, who helped Joseph find his way, or perhaps to help Joseph become the person he was meant to become.

The session came not long after the beginning of the war in Afghanistan I was assigned as part of a group from NBC News, which would be stationed for about a week on an aircraft carrier in the Arabian Sea.

I was nervous. Anytime you go into a theater of war, regardless of the distance from the main battlefield, there can be danger.

It was also just before Passover, and I wanted to be with my family. We were all supposed to go to Denver to have Seder with my parents.

At some point, I told the others at the study session about my fears, and my guilt about being away for Passover. "What if something happens, either in the Middle East, or at home?" I wondered aloud.

Naturally, Rita had the answer. She reached over, patted my hand, and said, "Don't worry, I will be your *Ish*. I'll make sure nothing happens."

Lee Kamlet

There's so much to say. I loved when she told me that she made a conscious decision to have friends of every age because she knew that her peers were going to die and the longer she lived, the less friends she would have. But others will probably tell you that too.

I remember the first time she had me over to her apartment for lunch. She made a beautiful salad and when we sat down, she started telling me how much she loved to sing. She asked me which *"Kol Nidre"* melody I was going to use for the High Holy Days and I started singing. She told me she was going to sing too when we sang *Kol Nidre* in the service. I told her to go right ahead and sing…and we were friends from that moment. What a special lady! I truly loved her.

Cantor Fredda Mendelson

Something wonderful happened every time Rita spoke with members of Temple. Something magical happened every time she spoke with our students…That's why we tried to maximize those moments in the lives of our students. Whether the conversation was about pennies, compassion, Torah or memory, I was always touched by the intergenerational *shechinah*-dwelling that hovered around The Larchmont Temple Religious School when Rita was present. And 'present' she will remain in my life and all the lives she touched.

Rabbi Ron Symons
The Leo Baeck Education Center Foundation

The word that comes to mind when I think about Rita Grunbaum is strength. I met Rita when she was married to Fred. He had just been diagnosed with MS and started not to be able to climb steps. Because of Fred's illness, Rita insisted that the Temple should have an elevator, because she was so aware that old and ill people could not manage the front steps of the Temple. Because of her insistence, we built first the outside elevator and then finally the inside one. I remember Rita taking photographs of all the confirmands including our two daughters. But what I remember most about Rita was how she glowed when she met Jerry. She was so happy in her relationship with him. I always admired her strength when Jerry died very soon after. She had such faith. I hope that in heaven she will be reunited with Jerry.

Rosel Wolf

I remember carpooling to Yonkers with Rita many years ago. She was still working and so was I. She was compassionate and wise and always in a hurry to get where she was going. I regret that the arrangement was short-lived.

Barbara Stein, Cancer Support Team

Rita Grunbaum took the course "Science in the News" for several years. She was quick to speak up with cogent comments and spirited debate. Since teaching silent students on the phone leaves a facilitator in a rather lonely position, her vocal presence was very important to me. I miss her and her contributions to the general enjoyment for my participants. The UWW is less without her.

Rita Paleschuck, DOROT

Rita was a cherished member of our poetry workshop. She brought a sophisticated and heartfelt appreciation of beauty to our sessions. While always ready with constructive criticism, she was even quicker to express admiration for work well done. Appropriately enough for a photographer, her own poetry was attuned to the richness of the visible world, despite the visual impairment of her later years. I especially remember the poems that captured her delight in growing colorful flowers, which she saw not as possessions but as companions. One poem called AFRICAN VIOLETS opened with the lines, "They love me/ And I love them," and closed with a characteristic expression of gratitude: "What a gift/ To thank them/ For the joy they give me."

Gerald Jonas, DOROT

Rita was an active participant in our Talmud Treasures Class and I would never have guessed that she was in her 90s. Her mental acuity and enthusiasm were of someone much younger. We will miss her. May her soul now rest in a place of great peace and joy, with G-d's help.

Lee Slavutin, DOROT

Rita was one of the most amazing people that I have ever met. Having breakfast on North Chatsworth was always a special treat. Rita's wisdom and sparkle, her commitment to life and her nearness to God, will forever set her apart in my memory. The last time that I saw her before I left for Jerusalem, Rita told me that she would be gone when I got back. She was not sad, because she knew that as she approached death, she felt nearer and nearer to God. She did not cry and was in so many ways content with where she was going. I knew that I could not cry if she wasn't …I saved my tears for the elevator. Her brave and kind spirit demanded nothing less. I will miss her presence, her smile, her countenance and her wisdom…(but I will save my tears, commingled with smiles for the elevator…)

Ilene Haigh

At one of the very first Westchester Women's seders in the mid-1990's, Rita sat among us, young and old, from Larchmont Temple and nearby other temples. I recall her singing joyfully, led by Lori Corrsin and other wonderful women cantors, as we sat in a large, beautifully decorated room at the Wilmot Y. In front of 200 people, Rita spoke with poise to relate a true story about a Pesach when she was in a concentration camp during World War II. She described the way they knew it was Passover, how they managed to have a secret "seder", and the small bit of food they had secreted away for this event. That night at the Women's seder, Rita helped us realize that what is important is the *ruach* (spirit) that we bring to our rituals. Rita's spirit kept her going, she said, through those terrible times in the camp.

Barbara Coleman

I will always remember the night I met Rita. It was at a Friday night Shabbat service where I spoke a bit on what led me to decide to convert to Judaism. Inside I was wondering, "How do I connect this experience of mine to the congregation "out there?" And, why should they care? So I said, "I would appreciate any help or advice you might offer me as I begin this journey." Afterward, as we gathered around the root beer and ice cream float in the Social Hall, Rose Wolf approached me, saying, "I'll teach you to read Hebrew!" I thanked her and agreed to sign up. Then Rita stepped forward, took my hand, and said, "I think you should come to my apartment and have lunch!" Since it was RITA, of course, I agreed! Thus began a friendship in which Rita coached me through the conversion process, we ate many lovely lunches, and she shared her life with me. I learned about her time in Holland, the Holocaust, her husband, Jerry, her daughters, and her beloved grandson. Rita never failed to ask me about my sons and how they were doing. Somehow, I thought that Rita would be with us forever—and when all is said and done, I believe she is, don't you?

Carolyn Berger

When I looked at Rita and when I think of her now, I see a woman of unstoppable strength and spirit. Things I loved and admired about her: She once told me that she went out of her way to befriend younger people because they were less likely to die before her and therefore would be there for her longer. Her inner strength; She willed herself back to health after many accidents and broken bones, even though the pain was great and the recoveries long. She asked friends for help when she needed it. And she gave tirelessly of herself. These are just a few of the memories and feelings I have in my heart. Rita, I miss you dearly, but you will remain with me forever.

Judi Dichter

Throughout my presidency, Rita was the conscience on my shoulder. Sometimes her thoughts were voiced – "Emily, you really must do something about the steps!" – but more often I was able to hear her thoughts without her making a sound. I always knew what she would say, what she would suggest, and how she would react if I didn't take her advice. Needless to say, I, like everyone else, followed her advice.

I miss Rita terribly, but I know she is here with me. I didn't need her to pick up the phone to let me know what needed to be done at the Temple; so, too, I will continue to know what she would recommend, even though she is no longer with us.

Emily Grotta

In the beginning of the summer, Steve and I drove Rita to services. We happened to mention that Steve's 70th birthday would be in July and we were particularly excited to be celebrating with our entire family. One day, a couple of weeks later, Rita's lovely helper arrived here with a gift from Rita for Steve! We will always enjoy and treasure that gift, "1000 Senior Moments," and imagine Rita laughing along with us as we read the wonderful quotes.

Judy Gutmann

It's very strange to be writing this about Rita, in the past tense, and reminiscing, in general, because, somehow, against all dictates of reason and logic, I never quite expected Rita to ever die. We knew, of course, for a long time, that she was old and getting older, and frail, and getting frailer, and she, certainly, talked about dying, in a most matter-of-fact, un-nervous, and un-maudlin way. But Rita seemed eternal; a bedrock; always there. Part of it may be that Rita seemed ageless. She lived in the present. Look at the countless people who felt special in Rita's eyes. And there was nothing fawning or obsequious in her attention. She was a very strong and self-confident, always beautiful, critical (in the best sense), and discerning woman.

She was a proud Jew. I'm proud to be Jewish alongside her.

Ellen Korn

Several years ago, during a time of personal struggle and change for me, Rita was always a listening presence and support. She had her opinions, but was never negatively judgmental…always, guiding and seeing life as potential, as a cup half full. "You can do it…go for it…" I can still hear her say.

Her favorite poem speaks volumes about what Rita taught about life, and what her memory will be for me:

Birth is a beginning
And death a destination.
And life is a journey: …..
Until, looking backward or ahead,
We see that victory lies
Not in some high place along the way,
But in having made the journey, stage by stage,
    A sacred pilgrimage.
Birth is a beginning
And death a destination.
And life is a journey,
A sacred pilgrimage –
    To life everlasting.

Rabbi Debra Goldstein

Rita and I first bonded after I had given a Purim Friday evening presentation at LT.She was there as usual. After I had finished talking about my flight from Europe with my mother, she recognized a kindred soul. I was really eulogizing my mother, who was then suffering from Alzheimer's. I was in the process of cleaning our her home when I stumbled upon two large jars of pennies. Of course, the pennies went to Rita's favored cause, and we were friends for keeps.

Henrietta Barkey

Every week on the way home from Chevra Torah Rita would say "Talk, talk, commentary, talk..If you ask me it all comes down to the ten commandments." Then she and I would discuss, question, and talk some more until she concluded that even though the simple and the profound live in the same place the journey there is different for each one of us. And that was that....until the following Chevra when we would have a different conversation all over again.
With Rita in our hearts, the glass will always be half full.

Carol Kay

When April arrived this year, I felt a great sense of loss. This year Rita and I would not meet for her birthday lunch to celebrate. The most amazing part of those lunches over a dozen years was the conversation. Rita was always so current, exploring not only her devotion to the congregation and her faith, but also the community needs, local and international. She was always so happy to hear good news of my family as she shared news of hers. We talked about everything and I always felt so uplifted when I finally drove her home to 16 N. Chatsworth. Rita and I met first thirteen years ago when I joined the Cancer Support Team. She was anxious for me to join and attend every event at the temple. When I didn't, she seemed to love me no less.

When her personal needs increased, she easily called for lifts but also arranged transportation for others through the Summit. When she couldn't make house calls on the sick, she phoned to cheer the homebound. When her eyesight failed, she loved to be read to from HER book of short stories.

We all know how special she was sharing her concentration camp experience with generations of Murray and Hommocks kids. I'm sure there are many of us who considered her one of our best friends. I will remember her as one of mine, my mentor and a model of how to grow old with grace.

Ruth Lowy

I remember that when we all read The Red Tent together, I had some time alone with Rita, and we were talking about it. About the following text she quietly said, "I love this piece. I think it is absolutely beautiful, and I would like to think that is how it will be for me after I am gone."

There is no magic to immortality.
Egypt loved the lotus because it never dies. It is the same for people who are loved. Thus can something as insignificant as a name – two syllables, one high, one sweet – summon up the innumerable smiles and tears, sighs and dreams of a human life.
If you sit on the bank of a river, you see only a small part of its surface. And yet, the water before your eyes is proof of unknowable depths. My heart brims with thanks for the kindness you have shown me by sitting on the bank of this river, by visiting the echoes of my name.
Blessings on your eyes and on your children. Blessings on the ground beneath you. Wherever you walk, I go with you.
Selah.

Jane Boris Brandes

A LEGACY OF CARING

With heartfelt thanks to all those whose loving memories of Rita made this tribute a reality

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Rita...

Who touched all our lives and showed us the true meaning of a giving generous spirit.

She is an inspiration to us all.

Ellen, Marshall, Rob and Lizzie

Legacy

With Love,

The Fuchsbergs

Rita Grunbaum
was a guiding light for all of us.
She touched our lives and
made us want to be better.
What a gift to all of us it was to know Rita.
She truly made a difference because she was here—
She will be so terribly missed.
How lucky we were to have known her!!

Love,
Brad & Sunny Goldberg

In memory of
Rita Grunbaum
&
In honor of
Susan & Rabbi Jeffrey Sirkman
& all the other mensches extraordinaire at
Larchmont Temple whose good works
never cease to inspire us.

Ina and Arthur Gordon & Family

Legacy

IN MEMORY OF
RITA GRUNBAUM

MAY HER LIFE AND SPIRIT
CONTINUE TO
INSPIRE ALL OF US!

THE HAUBEN FAMILY
VICKI, RON,
ANDREA, EMILY & DAVID

Legacy

In tribute to Rita
and all those who
make a "difference."
Thank you.

Silvia, Mark, Alex & Eli Lederman

Thanks to Rita and all those who
provide support and caring.

Jayne Lipman & Bob Goodman

To honor the many "Ritas"
past and present.

Lois & Leonard Lichter

Legacy

In fond memory of our longtime friend
Rita

Her co-survivors,
Jack & Ina Polak

Legacy

In loving memory
of our dear friend
RITA

Lynn and Michael Reichgott

Legacy

In loving memory of Rita,
a woman of infinite capacity
for caring and teaching.
How much we learned from her.

Carol and Matthew Scharff

Legacy

To Rita, our sister and conscience:
Whose indomitable spirit, profound faith and commitment to tzedakah are a precious legacy.

Larchmont Temple Women of Reform Judaism

In memory and honor of Rita Grunbaum.

We miss you on Sunday mornings.

Thanks for all you did!

Larchmont Temple Brotherhood

"That's what I believe death is.
The outer shell—the body goes, but something stays behind…I think you have a soul, and I believe the soul continues living…And a person who has touched upon so many people—that is what lives on of a person…"

—Rita Grunbaum, from RITA, an autobiography published on the occasion of her 95th Birthday

For touching our lives
With your relentless care
With your unwavering strength
With your fierce menschlichkeit,
And for leaving to us a love that lives on…

We Love You
Always,

Susan & Jeffrey Sirkman

Legacy

Rita, Life will never be the same without you.

Serine Bonnist

Legacy

In remembrance of Rita Grunbaum

Legacy

Celebrating the enduring legacy of beloved
Rita Grunbaum.
Gute Neshome and tireless role model
for tikkun olam.
May *Pennies from Heaven* long remain
her song to us at Larchmont Temple.

Friends of Rita and of our irreplaceable pal,
Sam Stein

Bobbi & Frank Altersohn
Saraine & Bernie Corn
Marion & Bob Geller
Selma Markowitz
Barbara Stein

In Loving Memory of Rita Grunbaum,
always in our hearts.

"...We shall never see [her] like again."
Wm. Shakespeare

Sheila Chervin & Peter Schwartz

*Rita*ל"ז

You touched our hearts and lives
in so many profound ways.
We are so grateful for your love,
friendship, and caring.
And for always pointing
us in the right direction.

We also honor our parents who
have always inspired us and taught
us the need to help make a difference
in our world.

Zelda & Sam Bloom
*Irving M. Dichter*ל"ז
*Ethel*ל"ז *& Henry Rand*

With love beyond measure,
Barry, Judi, Rebecca & Jason Dichter

In honor of Rita and all the other Temple congregants
who have been caring and compassionate…
saying those special words or lending a
helping hand during times of need.

Sandy and Bill Feldman

A woman of valor, who can find?
Her worth is far above jewels.

Thank you Rita, for all that you taught us.

Nancy & Michael Feller

For the Grande Dame of Larchmont Temple

Always present

Always pushing

Always questioning

Always challenging

Always setting the example to take care of and care for each other

Thank you for your omni presence

With love,
Louis, Meg and Harris Fienberg

Very few people are able to lead their lives
as Rita led hers.
Very many people—Eve and I included—
were blessed to have had that life touch theirs.

Eve and Harry First

It has been an honor to know
this woman of Valor.
Her memory, her mind,
her very being made her so special.
I am blessed to have known her.

Love,
Eleanor Koch

To Rita
and all those who follow her example.

Mark & Judy Litt

"Through faith we experience the meaning of the world;
through action we give the world meaning"
Rabbi Leo Baeck

Through Rita's faith and her actions
she made a difference to us,
to the entire community of
Larchmont Temple and to the world.
We miss her every day.

Cantors Fredda and Jack Mendelson

לחיים

To Rita ✡ To Life

In loving memory of a woman
who inspired all who knew her to embrace each day
and to take responsibility for the future of our world
one phone call, one visit, one penny at a time.

Rabbi Mara and Larry Nathan

To Rita's legacy of caring and
making a difference.

Sandy & Mort Porwick

In tribute to Rita Grunbaum

The Selonick Family

We will always remember and value
Rita's wisdom and friendship.

Jane and Richard Shapiro

Rita—
Profoundly missed,
Still with us.

Candice Stone
and
Marvin Wexler

Eighteen years ago dear RITA GRUNBAUM inspired Marcia to overcome her fear of the terrible cancer radiation machine.
We will never forget her simple advice:

"JUST MAKE FRIENDS WITH THAT MACHINE."

After that, Marcia had many friendly conversations with the machine and her formerly endless treatments passed quickly. Many times since, she has passed Rita's wonderful advice along to others. Thank you Rita, you will always live in our hearts!

Marcia and Bob Wofsey

To Rita — In Loving Memory

You were the guiding spirit of our women's chevra, the inspiration that gave us a sense of purpose, our practical mother, mentor and guide.
We continue, and keep your memory alive.
It is truly for a blessing - ***zichronah l'ivracha.***

Jane Boris Brandes
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Judi Dichter
Eve First
Rabbi Debra Goldstein
Emily Grotta
Judy Gutmann
Minna Immerman
Ellen Korn
Maryann Leitner
Lynn Reichgott
Claire Zuckerman

We should live so long!
Rita continues to inspire us
to try to do the right thing.

Andy & Marnie Marks

"THE SOUL MOVES UPWARD TO THE
CROWN THAT IS LIFE EVERLASTING"
By RITA GRUNBAUM
Year 2004

We remember Rita with admiration and affection.

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JULIAN BRAUN
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You taught us about life, about death, and how to grow old.
We miss you, but you are always with us.

Emily Grotta & John Boudreaux

Rita was the embodiment of the
"good deed that shines brightly in a dark world."
May she rest in peace.

Miriam and Tom Curnin

To the memory of our dear friend, Rita Grunbaum,
who befriended everyone she knew, and prodded
each of us to be the very best person we could be.
She was an exceptional person, and an inspiration to so many.

We will miss her presence at Temple,
our Seders, at lunch, and simchas.

Diana & Marty Finkelstein

We will never forget your loving support…
We will always remember you…

Helen and Bob Fried

We honor the memory of Rita Grunbaum
and recognize all the women in LT's Caring Community
who are keeping Rita's spirit alive.

Seth, Barbara, Julia and Ben Kaplan

In honor of Rita
An inspiration to us all.

Jeffrey & Wendy Kaufman

In honor of Rita Grunbaum
For her continued inspiration.

Judy Myers

Our lives are forever changed by
Rita's presence.

We were privileged to be part of her extended family.
Her memory is a blessing.

Minna & Bob Immerman

A tribute to Rita and the
present caring community
at Larchmont Temple.

The Wolfs

Rita,
You set the standard for being a mensch.

Carolyn and Lee Kamlet

In Memory of

RITA GRUNBAUM

A Guiding Light and Inspiration

For So Many in Our Temple Community

The Harrisons
Andrew & Adrienne
Mark & Rachel

The Osters
Mark & Ellen
Amy & Robyn

The Greenbergs
Ned & Linda
Michael & Amanda

To Rita's continuing influence

Barry & Geraldine Brause

To Rita,
An elegant woman who led by example and
was an inspiration to us all.
You will always be remembered.

Amy and Rob Rothman

The Kanterman Family salutes Larchmont Temple's
Confirmation and Bar Mitzvah Classes of 5767.
Mazel Tov to all our future Mensches!

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You are the mensch of a lifetime.
We miss you.
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A real "eshet chajil"
—a woman of valor.
Arthur & Rose Wolf

Very fond memories over the many years.
The Katzensteins

With fond remembrance
Tom and Judy Landau

Cancer Support Team remembers Rita Grunbaum
with great fondness. We honor Rita who dedicated so many years
to helping our patients and families living with cancer.
She has truly been an inspiration to us all!

Rita
A Penny from Heaven

In memory of Rita
a role model
and
a Friend

Judy & Steve Gutmann

In memory of
RITA

Harold & Dorothy Bottner

To Judy Grunbaum
& her mother
Rita"ל
Whose lives continue to bless.

With love,
Shohama & Alan
(Rabbi Shohama Wiener & Dr. Alan Dattner)

To all the mensches who continue in Rita's footsteps.

Rob & Amy Stavis

In memory of Rita Grunbaum

Lisa, Michael, Andrew and Vicki Senter

In honor of Rita Grunbaum, a much beloved member of our family.

Laura & Rick Lerich

With gratitude for all of our temple members
who exemplify our "community of caring."

The Tanenbaum Family

A very good friend
Engelina Blockton

With admiration,
affection and fond memories
of a most unique woman.
Priscilla Poller

In honor of Rose Wolf,
friend of Rita Grunbaum,
teacher of Hebrew and wisdom,
mensch extraordinaire!
Peggy Herzog & Susie Herzog Millman

Rita leaves a legacy of personal
courage and caring concern
for people in need.
Shirley & Seymour Romney

In loving memory of Rita—
a very remarkable woman.
Maryann & Pinky Leitner

We are so grateful for the
memory of Rita's friendship and the
beauty and wonder of her example.
Robert and Elizabeth Saenger

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In memory of Rita Grunbaum
Atlas Party Rentals

With gratitude for Rita's good deeds.

Dimitri & Sophie Stein

In memory of Rita—
an inspiration to all who knew her!
Harriet & Abraham Slivka

Rita—
Thank you for teaching me to
be a better person.
Susan Spencer

We are grateful for the privilege
of knowing Rita, and we support you
in all your endeavors of caring.
Wendy & Joseph McManus

To the woman who was the
conscience of our congregation
Selma Bernstein

Our appreciation to the
Larchmont Historical Society
for photographs taken by Rita
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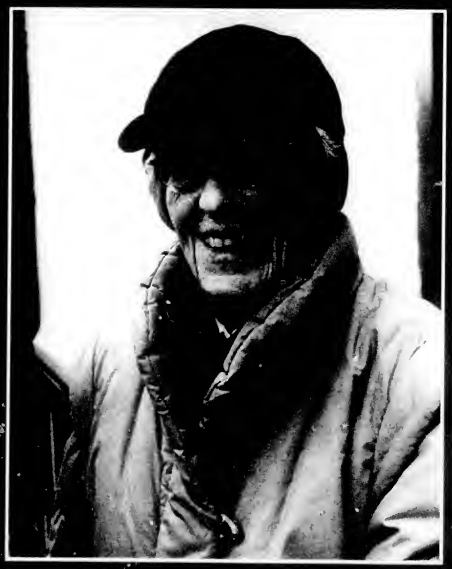

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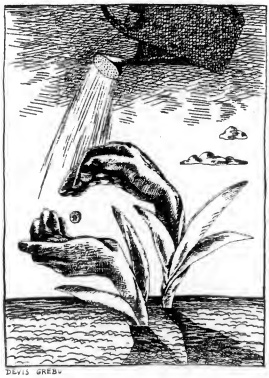
April 9, 1910 – August 25, 2006

In Celebration of Caring Spirit

Service of Tribute

Mensch of a lifetime

RITA



Shabbat Chukat

June 22, 2007—6 Tammuz 5767

Meditation/Dedication

There is a name in our community synonymous with strength, a name that represents the greatest human aspirations we know to be holy. It is a name, like the tetragramaton—God's ineffable Name—of just four letters. Yet the mere utterance brings a sense of fortitude and transcendent spirit. *RITA.*

Speak her name in any circle where community leaders gather in public service or where volunteers come to support the sick. Call it out in defense of the downtrodden; shout it in defiance against despair. Like the Holy One's appellation, her name is inimitable.

There is no single soul who has inspired more lives with her indefatigable spirit. There is no human being in our midst whose reaching out has sustained so many with her strength. Her life is a testament to hope. Her love is a gift that renews heart and reminds us why we are here.

Rita, I promise, with your name as a cherished blessing, we will never forget.

Rabbi Jeffrey J. Sirkman
From the Foreward of Rita's autobiography

Shalom Aleichem

שלום עליכם

Sha-lom a-lei-chem, mal-a-chei ha-sha-reit, mal-a-chei El-yon mi-melech ma-le-chei ha-m'la-chim, ha-ka-dosh ba-ruch Hu.

שָׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם, מַלְאֲכֵי הַשָּׁרֵת,
מַלְאֲכֵי עֶלְיוֹן מִמֶּלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים,
הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא.

Bo-a-chem l'shalom mal-a-chei ha-shalom, mal-a-chei El-yon mi-melech ma-le-chei ha-m'la-chim, ha-ka-dosh, ba-ruch Hu.

בּוֹאֲכֶם לְשָׁלוֹם, מַלְאֲכֵי הַשָּׁלוֹם
מַלְאֲכֵי עֶלְיוֹן מִמֶּלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים,
הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא.

Ba-re-chu-ni le-shalom, mal-a-chei ha shalom, mal-a-chei El-yon mi-melech mal-a-chei ha-m'la-chim, hakadosh baruch Hu.

בָּרְכוּנִי לְשָׁלוֹם, מַלְאֲכֵי הַשָּׁלוֹם
מַלְאֲכֵי עֶלְיוֹן מִמֶּלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים,
הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא.

Tseit-chem le shalom, mal-a-chei ha-shalom, mal-a-chei Elyon, mi melech mal-a-chei ha-m'la-chim, ha-kadosh baruch Hu.

צֵאתְכֶם לְשָׁלוֹם, מַלְאֲכֵי הַשָּׁלוֹם,
מַלְאֲכֵי עֶלְיוֹן מִמֶּלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים,
הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא.

Peace be to you, O ministering angels, messengers of the Most High, the supreme Ruler of rulers, the Holy One of blessing. Enter in peace, O messengers of peace, messengers of the Most High, the supreme Ruler of rulers, the Holy One of blessing. Bless me with peace, O messengers of peace, messengers of the Most High, the supreme Ruler of rulers, the Holy One of blessing. Depart in peace, O messengers of peace, messengers of the Most High, the supreme Ruler of rulers, the Holy One of blessing.

Yis'michu

Yis-m'-chu ha-sha-ma-yim
V'-ta-geil ha-a-retz;
Yir-am ha-yam u-m'-lo-o.
Lai lai lai…..

יִשְׂמְחוּ הַשָּׁמַיִם
וְתָגֵל הָאָרֶץ.
וְיִרְעַם הַיָּם וּמְלוֹאוֹ.

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;
Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Lecha Dodi

לכה דודי

L'cha do-di lik-rat ka-la, p'nei Shabbat n'ka-b'la. (2x)

לְכָה דוֹדִי לִקְרַאת כַּלָּה. פְּנֵי שַׁבָּת נְקַבְּלָה׃
לְכָה דוֹדִי לִקְרַאת כַּלָּה. פְּנֵי שַׁבָּת נְקַבְּלָה׃

Shamor v'zachor b'dibur echad, hishmi-anu El ham'yuchad. Adonai echad u'shmo echad. L'shem u'ltiferet v'lit'hila. *Lecha…*

שָׁמוֹר וְזָכוֹר בְּדִבּוּר אֶחָד, הִשְׁמִיעָנוּ אֵל הַמְיֻחָד. יְיָ אֶחָד וּשְׁמוֹ אֶחָד. לְשֵׁם וּלְתִפְאֶרֶת וְלִתְהִלָּה׃ לכה...

Hit'ore-ri hit'ore-ri. Ki va orech, kumi ori. Uri uri shir daberi. Kvod Adonai ala-yich nigla. *Lecha…*

הִתְעוֹרְרִי הִתְעוֹרְרִי. כִּי בָא אוֹרֵךְ קוּמִי אוֹרִי. עוּרִי עוּרִי שִׁיר דַּבֵּרִי. כְּבוֹד יְיָ עָלַיִךְ נִגְלָה׃ לכה...

Bo-i v'shalom ateret Ba-alah. Gam b'simcha uv'tza-hala. Toch emunei am segula. Bo-i chalah bo-i chalah! *Lecha…*

בּוֹאִי בְשָׁלוֹם עֲטֶרֶת בַּעֲלָהּ. גַּם בְּשִׂמְחָה וּבְצָהֳלָה. תּוֹךְ אֱמוּנֵי עַם סְגֻלָּה. בּוֹאִי כַלָּה בּוֹאִי כַלָּה׃ לכה...

Beloved, come to meet the bride; beloved, come to greet Shabbat.

Keep and remember: a single command the Only God caused us to hear; the Eternal is One, God's name is One, for honor and glory and praise. Beloved…

Awake, awake, your light has come! Arise, shine, awake and sing; the External's glory dawns upon you. Beloved….

Enter in peace, O crown of your husband; enter in gladness, enter in joy. Come to the people that keeps its faith. Enter o bride! Enter, o bride! Beloved…

It was Hanukah time again. We were gathering in the living room, watching how the chanukiyah was lifted from its place on the dark, wooden mantle above the fireplace and put carefully on a protected spot on the table. The candles and matches were waiting to take their turn. I lit the shames, which, in turn, lit the first candle. We felt so warm to see the light smile at us.

This was a special chanukiyah. It had belonged to Fred's grandparents and was handed from generation to generation. During World War II, it had spent three years in an empty, dark grave in the Jewish cemetery in Rotterdam with other sacred objects. One day after the war was over, Fred went to the cemetery to find the grave. When he opened it, lo and behold, there was the chanukiyah with the broken shames next to it.

When he brought it home with the other objects, the family was ecstatic. After being repaired and polished, the chanukiyah was ready to celebrate again with its family. Another miracle had happened!

Rita Grunbaum

Candle Blessing - *Hadlikat Neirot*

הדלקת נרות

Lynn Reichgott

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת.

Praised be our Eternal God, Ruler of the universe: You hallow us with Mitzvot, and command us to kindle the lights of Shabbat.

We rise

Kiddush

קדוש

Dorien & Judy Grunbaum with Cantor Fredda Mendelson

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, borei p'ri ha gafen. Amen.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגָּפֶן: אָמֵן.

Baruch a-ta Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, a-sher ki-de-sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav ve-ratsa vanu, v'shabbat kod-sho b'a-ha-va u've-ratson hin-chi lanu, zi-karon le-ma-ah-sei v'reit-shit. Ki hu yom t'chi-la, le-mikra-ei ko-desh ze-cher l'tsi-at Mits-ra-yim.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְרָצָה בָּנוּ, וְשַׁבַּת
קָדְשׁוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן הִנְחִילָנוּ זִכָּרוֹן
לְמַעֲשֵׂה בְרֵאשִׁית כִּי הוּא יוֹם תְּחִלָּה
לְמִקְרָאֵי קֹדֶשׁ, זֵכֶר לִיצִיאַת מִצְרָיִם.

Ki va-nu va-char-ta v'o-ta-nu ki-dash-ta mi-kol ha-a-mim. V'shab-bat kod-she-cha be-a-hava u've-ra-tson hin-chal-ta-nu
Baruch atah Adonai, m'ka-deish ha Shabbat. Amen.

כִּי־בָנוּ בָחַרְתָּ, וְאוֹתָנוּ קִדַּשְׁתָּ
מִכָּל־הָעַמִּים וְשַׁבַּת קָדְשְׁךָ
בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן הִנְחַלְתָּנוּ׃
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, מְקַדֵּשׁ הַשַּׁבָּת. אָמֵן.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. We praise You Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who hallows us with mitzvot and favors us with the holy Shabbat, lovingly and graciously bestowed upon us, a memorial of the act of creation, first of the holy assemblies, a remembrance of the going forth from Egypt. You have chosen us and hallowed us from among all peoples, by lovingly and graciously bestowing upon us Your holy Sabbath. We praise You, O God, who sanctifies Shabbat.

Shema and Her Blessings - *Shema u'birchoteha*

שמע וברכותיה

Barechu et Adonai ha-mivorach.

בָּרְכוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְבוֹרָךְ׃

Praise the One to whom our praise is due!

Ba-ruch Adonai ha-m'vo-rach l'o-lam va-ed!

בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְבוֹרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד׃

Praised be the One to whom our praise is due, now and for ever!

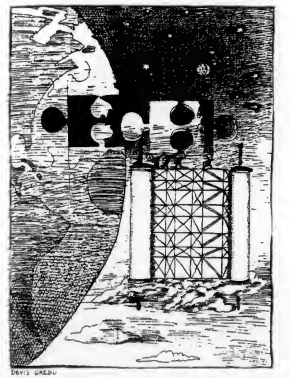
Creation - *Ma'ariv Aravim*

מעריב ערבים

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, asher b'dvaroh ma-ariv ara-vim. B'chochma poteach sh'aryim, u'vit-vunah mishaneh itim, u'machalif et hazmanim, u'misader et ha-ko-chavim, b'mishmirotei-hem ba-rakeia kir-tzo-no. Borei yom va-lailah golel or mipnei choshech, v'choshech mipneh or. U'ma-avir yom, u'mei-vi lailah, u'mav-dil bein yom u'vein lailah Adonai Tz'va-ot sh'mo. El chai v'kayam, tamid yim-loch aleinu, l'olam va-ed. Baruch atah Adonai, ha-ma-ariv aravim.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
אֲשֶׁר בִּדְבָרוֹ מַעֲרִיב עֲרָבִים, בְּחָכְמָה
פּוֹתֵחַ שְׁעָרִים וּבִתְבוּנָה מְשַׁנֶּה עִתִּים,
וּמַחֲלִיף אֶת הַזְּמַנִּים וּמְסַדֵּר אֶת
הַכּוֹכָבִים, בְּמִשְׁמְרוֹתֵיהֶם בָּרָקִיעַ כִּרְצוֹנוֹ.
בּוֹרֵא יוֹם וָלָיְלָה, גּוֹלֵל אוֹר מִפְּנֵי חֹשֶׁךְ,
וְחֹשֶׁךְ מִפְּנֵי אוֹר. וּמַעֲבִיר יוֹם וּמֵבִיא
לָיְלָה, וּמַבְדִּיל בֵּין יוֹם וּבֵין לָיְלָה,
יְיָ צְבָאוֹת שְׁמוֹ. אֵל חַי וְקַיָּם,
תָּמִיד יִמְלוֹךְ עָלֵינוּ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַמַּעֲרִיב עֲרָבִים׃

Praise to You, Eternal our God, Sovereign of the universe! By Your word, do You the evening bring. With wisdom, opening the gates, with understanding, shifting time and season and designing the stars in their heavenly pattern all according to Your will. Creating day and night, rolling light into darkness and darkness into light, day passing and night entering, distinguishing day from night. Eternal One of hosts, living and ever-present God, reign over us forever. Praise to You, Eternal One, who makes the evening come to pass.



Ours was the last transport to leave Troebitz for Leipzig. Because of Fred, who weighed only eighty-four pounds, from there we went by ambulance train to Maastricht, Holland. We arrived on July 1, 1945—twenty months after we had been arrested...[and eventually sent to Bergen Belsen].

It took two more months before Fred had recuperated to some extent, and then we found our own home. What have I learned from these years?
--That a person can withstand much, and much more than you can imagine.
--That even during the darkest moments in life, there always are some bright spots.
--To make the best of every day. I have done that very consciously ever after.
--Above all, at certain moments in our lives, things happen that we cannot comprehend but that we have to accept without questioning.

I want to finish with a quote by Victor Frankl from Man's Search for Meaning:
"Our generation is realistic, for we have come to know man as he really is. After all, man is that being who has invented the Gas Chambers of Auschwitz; however, he is also that being who has entered those Gas Chambers upright with God's prayer or the Shema Yisrael on his lips."

Rita Grunbaum

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד׃

Shema Yisra'el Adonai Eloheynu Adonai echad.
Listen, O Israel, the Eternal is our God, the Eternal is One.

בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד

Baruch shem kevod malhuto le'olam va'ed.
Blessed is God's glorious majesty forever and ever!

Please be seated

V'ahavtah

C*ommitment of Covenant, Executive Committee, 5768*

Led responsively by the Executive Committee, together with the Congregation

V'Ahavtah—a love we make real by our commitment to this congregation.
For you shall love the Holy One with all your heart.
Move us to love the sacred Image we see reflected, heart to heart, within every member.
With all your mind, with all your strength, with all your spirit…
Help us to find the strength to hear Your Voice speaking through our spirit.
Set these words upon your heart; teach them to your children.
Teach us to be role models, hearing with our hearts—helping to teach our children.
Speak of them in your home and on our way, when you lie down and when you rise up.
Inspire us to keep these teachings with us—to make of our work building blocks for being a mensch.
Bind them as a sign upon your hand; let them be a symbol before your eyes.
Enable us to see Your vision of a more sacred world—reflected in this community we serve.
Inscribe them on the doorposts of our house, and upon our gates.
Let our gates be framed, for all who enter, with a commitment to one another—the spirit of care we share.

The tables were covered with white tablecloths. Two years in a row the seder was conducted in every barrack while people stood watch outside so the Germans would not come and surprise them. The second year there was no more food around to be served. The rabbis had given permission to eat bread instead of matzot, but many would not hear of it. The second year there was no more bread either. People were all around the table or on the beds low and high, listening to the reading of the hagaddah. The whole scene was lit by two candles. Some new stories were made up. We understood when we were told that our ancestors were slaves. We were slaves now, and God would save us from our enemies. History had become reality.

Rita Grunbaum

מִי כָמֹכָה בָּאֵלִם יְיָ, מִי כָּמֹכָה נֶאְדָּר
בַּקֹּדֶשׁ, נוֹרָא תְהִלֹּת עֹשֵׂה פֶלֶא׃
מַלְכוּתְךָ רָאוּ בָנֶיךָ, בּוֹקֵעַ יָם לִפְנֵי
מֹשֶׁה זֶה אֵלִי עָנוּ וְאָמְרוּ׃ יְיָ יִמְלֹךְ
לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד. וְנֶאֱמַר׃ כִּי פָדָה יְיָ
אֶת יַעֲקֹב, וּגְאָלוֹ מִיַּד חָזָק מִמֶּנּוּ׃
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ גָּאַל יִשְׂרָאֵל׃

Mi cha-mo-cha ba-ei-lim, Adonai? Mi ka-mo-cha, ne-dar ba-ko-desh, nora t'hi-loht, o-sei feh-leh? Mal-chu-t'cha ra-u va-neh-cha, bo-kei-a yam lif-nei Moshe; zeh-ei-li! a-nu v'am-ru: Adonai yim-loch l'o-lam va-ed. V'neh-eh-mar: Ki fa-da Adonai et Ya-a-kov, u-g'a-lo mi-yad cha-zak mi-meh-nu.
Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, ga-al Yisrael.

Who is like You, Eternal One, among the gods that are worshipped? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders? In their escape from the sea, Your children saw Your sovereign might displayed. This is my God! they cried. The Eternal One will reign for ever and ever. And it has been said: The Eternal One delivered Jacob, and redeemed us from the hand of one stronger than ourselves. We praise You Eternal One, Redeemer of Israel.

Life Renewed – *Hashkivenu*

השכיבנו

Haskiveinu Adonai Eloheinu l'shalom,
v'ha-amideinu malkeinu l'chayim....

הַשְׁכִּיבֵנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְשָׁלוֹם,
וְהַעֲמִידֵנוּ מַלְכֵּנוּ לְחַיִּים....

O guide my steps, and help me find my way. I need your shelter now,
Rock me in your arms and guide my steps,
And help me make this day, a song of praise to you.
Rock me in your arms and guide my steps.

Ufros Aleinu, sukat sh'lo-mecha....

וּפְרוֹשׂ עָלֵינוּ סֻכַּת שְׁלוֹמֶךָ....

Ush'mor tzei-teinu u'vo-einu, l'chayim u'l'shalom, mei-atah v'ad olam. Baruch atah Adonai, ha poreis sukat shalom aleinu v'al kol amo Yisrael v'al Yerushalayim.

וּשְׁמוֹר צֵאתֵנוּ וּבוֹאֵנוּ, לְחַיִּים וּלְשָׁלוֹם,
מֵעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ,
הַפּוֹרֵשׂ סֻכַּת שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ, וְעַל כָּל עַמּוֹ
יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל יְרוּשָׁלָיִם.

I never ask God for anything, because I feel that God has shown me the way to cope with life. But I will say at times: "God, I open myself to you. I am the empty vessel to receive you. Please enter that vessel."

Rita Grunbaum

We rise

T'Fillah

תפילה

Adonai sifatai tiftach u'fi yagid tifilatecha.
Adonai, open my lips and my mouth will declare your glory

אֲדֹנָי שְׂפָתַי תִּפְתָּח וּפִי יַגִּיד תְּהִלָּתֶךָ׃

God of All Generations – *Avot v'Ima-hot*

אבות ואמהות

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu vei-lo-hei a-vo-tei-nu v'i-mo- tei-nu; Eh-lo-hei Av-ra-ham, eh-lo-hei Yitz-chak, vei-lo-hei Ya-a-kov. Eh-lo-hei Sa-rah, eh-lo-hei Riv-kah, eh-lo-hei Lei-ah, vei-lo-hei Ra-chel. Ha-eil ha-ga-dol ha-gi-bor v'ha-no-ra, eil el-yon. Go-meil cha-sa-dim to-vim, v'ko-nei ha-kol. v'zo-cheir chas-dei a-vot v'i-ma-hot. U-mei-vi g'u-la li-v'nei v'nei-hem, l'ma-an sh'mo, b'a-ha-vah. Meh-lech o-zeir u-mo-shi-a u-ma-gein. Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, ma-gein Av-ra-ham, v'ez-rat Sa-rah.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וֵאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ
וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ, אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם, אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק,
וֵאלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב. אֱלֹהֵי שָׂרָה, אֱלֹהֵי רִבְקָה,
אֱלֹהֵי לֵאָה, וֵאלֹהֵי רָחֵל. הָאֵל הַגָּדוֹל
הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא, אֵל עֶלְיוֹן. גּוֹמֵל חֲסָדִים
טוֹבִים, וְקוֹנֵה הַכֹּל, וְזוֹכֵר חַסְדֵי אָבוֹת
וְאִמָּהוֹת, וּמֵבִיא גְּאֻלָּה לִבְנֵי בְנֵיהֶם
לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה׃ מֶלֶךְ עוֹזֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ
וּמָגֵן׃ בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, מָגֵן אַבְרָהָם
וְעֶזְרַת שָׂרָה׃

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, God of our fathers and mothers, God of Abraham, God of Isaac and God of Jacob, God of Sarah, God of Rebecca, God of Leah and God of Rachel. Ha'El: great mighty and awesome, God beyond all that is, compassionate One, embracing all. You take note of our ancestors' deeds, redeeming their descendants lovingly, for the sake of Your Name.

God's Power - *G'vurot*

גבורות

A-tah gi-bor l'o-lam Adonai, m'cha-yei ha-kol a-ta, rav l'ho-shi-a. M'chal-keil cha-yim b'cheh-sed, m'cha-yei ha-kol b'ra-cha-mim ra-bim. So-meich no-f'lim, v'ro-fei cho-lim, u-ma-tir a-su-i'im, u-m'ka-yeim eh-mu-na-toh, li-shei-nei a-far. Mi cha-mo-cha ba-al g'vu-roht, u-mi doh-meh lach, meh-lech mei-mit u-m'cha-yeh u-matz-mi-ach y'shu-a. V'neh-eh-man a-ta l'ha-cha-yoht ha-kol, Baruch a-ta Adonai, m'cha-yei ha-kol.

אַתָּה גִּבּוֹר לְעוֹלָם אֲדֹנָי, מְחַיֵּה הַכֹּל
אַתָּה, רַב לְהוֹשִׁיעַ׃ מְכַלְכֵּל חַיִּים
בְּחֶסֶד, מְחַיֵּה הַכֹּל בְּרַחֲמִים רַבִּים,
סוֹמֵךְ נוֹפְלִים, וְרוֹפֵא חוֹלִים,
וּמַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים, וּמְקַיֵּם אֱמוּנָתוֹ
לִישֵׁנֵי עָפָר. מִי כָמוֹךָ בַּעַל גְּבוּרוֹת
וּמִי דּוֹמֶה לָךְ, מֶלֶךְ מֵמִית וּמְחַיֶּה
וּמַצְמִיחַ יְשׁוּעָה׃ וְנֶאֱמָן אַתָּה לְהַחֲיוֹת
הַכֹּל. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, מְחַיֵּה הַכֹּל׃

Your power is vast, Adonai, renewing life against all odds. You nourish life with compassion, renewing what is dead with mercy profound. Supporting the fallen, healing the sick, releasing the captive, and even this: upholding faith with those who sleep in the dust. Who is like You, Source or might? Who resembles You? Sovereign who takes life, who gives life, who sows deliverance? Truly You revive what was dead. Blessed are You, Eternal, the One who renews life.

God's Holiness - *K'dushat Hashem*

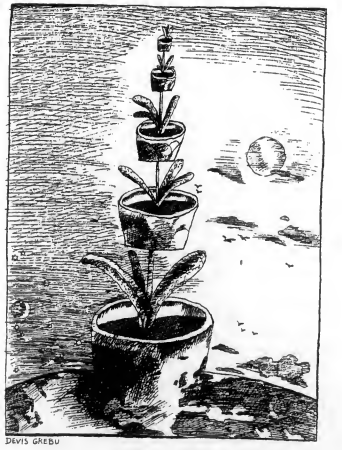
קדושת השם

Atah kadosh, v'shimcha kadosh, u'kido-him, b'chol yom y'ha-ley-lucha selah.
Baruch atah Adonai, ha-El ha-kadosh.

אַתָּה קָדוֹשׁ וְשִׁמְךָ קָדוֹשׁ וּקְדוֹשִׁים בְּכָל יוֹם
יְהַלְלוּךָ, סֶלָה. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הָאֵל הַקָּדוֹשׁ.

You are holy, Your name is holy, and those who strive to be holy declare Your glory day by day. We praise You, Eternal One, the holy God.

Please be seated



A Conversation with God

Rita: God, I am old now. I would like to ask You some questions before I die. Although we are taught that You created the world, I have heard that other civilizations existed that disappeared long before You created what became the Jewish people. Why did You create the Jewish people?

God: There was chaos. I wanted to create a world in which people could live in peace and help each other. So I created Adam and Eve and gave them the option to live in my image in the Garden of Eden. They chose not to do so. After Adam and Eve followed their own path, I searched for a people who would follow the Ten Commandments, which are the foundation of Tikkun Olam. This could be a beautiful world—yes, with its ups and downs.

Rita: I understand, but it does not answer all my questions. Why did you order the Jews to be killed? Why did you make them suffer so much throughout their history?

God: I love my people. I want them to feel close to me.

Rita: Not by letting bad things happen. That drives them away from You. You set the example. You know that from the beginning the world has changed continuously. Are You the stabilizing force in this world, who in the end will bring all people together?

God: Yes, that is what I set out to be. I admit I have made mistakes. I atone for that as my people do on Yom Kippur, because there is that little voice that I have instilled in every single person. All they have to do is to listen to it, to be open to it and follow it. If that can be achieved, then Israel will rise to its full potential and be a Light onto the nations, as I meant it to be. That is my goal for my people.

Rita: I pray every night from now on until I die that You will reach this goal, not only for our people but for all people.

Tikkun Olam.

Rita Grunbaum
From Rita

שָׁלוֹם רָב עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל עַמְּךָ תָּשִׂים לְעוֹלָם,
כִּי אַתָּה הוּא מֶלֶךְ אָדוֹן לְכָל הַשָּׁלוֹם. וְטוֹב
בְּעֵינֶיךָ לְבָרֵךְ אֶת עַמְּךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּכָל עֵת
וּבְכָל שָׁעָה בִּשְׁלוֹמֶךָ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַמְבָרֵךְ
אֶת עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל בַּשָּׁלוֹם.

Shalom rav al Yisrael amcha tasim l'olam ki atah hu melech adon, l'chol ha'shalom. V'tov b'eynecha l'varech et amcha Yisrael, b'chol eyt u'v'chol sh'ah bishlomecha. Baruch atah Adonai, ha-mivorech et amo Yisrael ba-shalom.

O Sovereign of peace, let Israel, Your People know enduring peace, for it is good in Your sight to bless Israel and all peoples continually with Your peace. We praise You, O God, for You bless Israel with peace.

Silent Prayer

אֱלֹהַי, נְצוֹר לְשׁוֹנִי מֵרָע. וּשְׂפָתַי מִדַּבֵּר
מִרְמָה: וְלִמְקַלְלַי נַפְשִׁי תִדֹּם, וְנַפְשִׁי כֶּעָפָר
לַכֹּל תִּהְיֶה. פְּתַח לִבִּי בְּתוֹרָתֶךָ, וּבְמִצְוֹתֶיךָ
תִּרְדּוֹף נַפְשִׁי. וְכָל הַחוֹשְׁבִים עָלַי רָעָה,
מְהֵרָה הָפֵר עֲצָתָם וְקַלְקֵל מַחֲשַׁבְתָּם. עֲשֵׂה
לְמַעַן שְׁמֶךָ, עֲשֵׂה לְמַעַן יְמִינֶךָ, עֲשֵׂה לְמַעַן
קְדֻשָּׁתֶךָ. עֲשֵׂה לְמַעַן תּוֹרָתֶךָ. לְמַעַן יֵחָלְצוּן
יְדִידֶיךָ, הוֹשִׁיעָה יְמִינְךָ וַעֲנֵנִי. יִהְיוּ לְרָצוֹן
אִמְרֵי פִי וְהֶגְיוֹן לִבִּי לְפָנֶיךָ, יְיָ צוּרִי
וְגוֹאֲלִי.

Elohai, n'tzor l'shoni meira us'fatai midabeir mirmah, v'limkahl'lai nafshi, tidom, v'nafshi ke-afar lakol tih'yeh. P'tach libi b'Toratecha, uv'mitzvotecha tirdof nafshi. V'chol hachoshvim alai ra-ah, m'hjeirah hafeir atzatam v'kalkeil machashavtam. Aseih l'ma-an sh'mecha, aseih l'ma-an y'minecha, aseih l'ma-an k'dushatecha, aseih l'ma-an Toratecha. L'ma-an yeichaltzun y'didecha, hoshia y'mincha va-aneini. Yihu L'ratzon imrehfi. V'hegyon libi l'fahnecha. Adonai Tzuri, v'go-ah-li.

My God, guard my tongue from evil and my lips from speaking guile. To those who challenge me, let my soul be quiet; let humility shine before me. Open my heart to Your teaching, and may I pursue Your counsel. For those who think evil towards me, may their thoughts disappear. For the sake of Your Name, for the sake of Your power, For the sake of Your holiness, for the sake of Your Torah, help me banish evil. Answer me, that Your beloved may be rescued. May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to You, O God, my Rock and my Redeemer.

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עֹשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם בִּמְרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם
עָלֵינוּ, וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאִמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

Oseh shalom bimromav, hu ya-aseh shalom aleinu, v'al kol yisrael, vimru amen.

May the One who causes peace to reign in the high heavens let peace descend on us, on all Israel, and all the world.

For a long time I have struggled with Torah and how we learn about it at chevra *on Saturday mornings. Why do I go? To be with the people I like and to hear their opinions.*

I understand that people need God or a force stronger than themselves. I need that myself, but do we need a bunch of stories in which God is often portrayed as a cruel force? I shudder when I hear them. I have been angry with God. I have even written letters to Him. Unfortunately, the mailman never delivered them.

Torah has given me the Ten Commandments. Suddenly I realized that there is another dimension to Torah, namely the feelings it stirs in me and most probably in other people too. For instance when Ze'ev reads Torah, it sounds like music to me. It makes me feel so bonded with Torah.

On the night of the new moon, Rosh Chodesh, I attend the healing and renewal service at Larchmont Temple. When I hold the Torah in my arms, I feel as if I am holding all of Israel close to me. It is a sacred moment that renews me.

Rita Grunbaum

For the Reading of the Torah

סדר קריאת התורה

Ein kamocha va-elo-him, Adonai v'ein k'ma-aseicha. Malchut'cha, malchut kol olamim umem'shal't'cha b'chol dor vador.

אֵין כָּמוֹךָ בָאֱלֹהִים, יְיָ, וְאֵין כְּמַעֲשֶׂיךָ. מַלְכוּתְךָ מַלְכוּת כָּל עֹלָמִים, וּמֶמְשַׁלְתְּךָ בְּכָל דּוֹר וָדוֹר.

Adonai melech, Adonai malach, Adonai yimloch l'olam vaed. Adonai oz, l'amo yiten, Adonai yivarech et amo vashalom.

יְיָ מֶלֶךְ, יְיָ מָלָךְ, יְיָ יִמְלֹךְ לְעֹלָם וָעֶד. יְיָ עֹז לְעַמּוֹ יִתֵּן יְיָ יְבָרֵךְ אֶת עַמּוֹ בַּשָּׁלוֹם.

There is no God like You, no deeds like Yours. Your rule is everlasting; You are supreme throughout the generations. You have always reigned; You reign now and forever. You will give strength to Your people. You will bless Your people with peace.

Please rise as the ark is opened

Attending the Ark *Marnie Marks & Jane Boris*

Eil ha rachamim, hei-tivah v'irtzon-cha et Tzion, t'vineh cho-mot Yerushalayim, ki v'cha l'vad ba-tachnu, melech El ram v'nisa, Adon olamim.

אֵל הָרַחֲמִים, הֵיטִיבָה בִרְצוֹנְךָ אֶת־צִיּוֹן; תִּבְנֶה חוֹמוֹת יְרוּשָׁלָיִם, כִּי בְךָ לְבַד בָּטָחְנוּ, מֶלֶךְ אֵל רָם וְנִשָּׂא, אָדוֹן עוֹלָמִים.

Source of mercy, let Your goodness be a blessing to Zion; let Jerusalem be rebuilt. In You alone do we trust, O Sovereign God, high and exalted, Ruler of all the worlds.

Havu godel lei-lo-heinu, u'tnu chavod la-Torah.

הָבוּ גֹדֶל לֵאלֹהֵינוּ, וּתְנוּ כָבוֹד לַתּוֹרָה.

Let us declare the greatness of our God and give honor to the Torah.

Ki mitzion te-tzei Torah, u'divar Adonai mi'rushalayim. Baruch she'natan Torah, l'amo Yisrael, bik'dusha-to.

כִּי מִצִּיּוֹן תֵּצֵא תוֹרָה, וּדְבַר יְיָ מִירוּשָׁלָיִם. בָּרוּךְ שֶׁנָּתַן תּוֹרָה לְעַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל בִּקְדֻשָּׁתוֹ.

For out of Zion shall go forth Torah, and the word of God from Jerusalem. Praised be the One who in holiness gives the Torah to the people of Israel.

Beit Ya'akov l'chu v'nail-chah b'or Adonai.

בֵּית יַעֲקֹב. לְכוּ וְנֵלְכָה בְּאוֹר יְהוָה.

O House of Israel, come, let us walk by the light of our God.

Sh'ma Yisrael: Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai echad!

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד!

Hear, O Israel: the Eternal One is our God, the Eternal God alone.

Echad Eloheinu, gadol Adoneinu, kadosh sh'mo.

אֶחָד אֱלֹהֵינוּ, גָּדוֹל אֲדוֹנֵנוּ, קָדוֹשׁ שְׁמוֹ.

Our God is One; great and holy is the Eternal One.

Gadlu l'Adonai i'ti, u'ni-ro-mimah sh'mo yachdav.

גַּדְּלוּ לַיהוָה אִתִּי, וּנְרוֹמְמָה שְׁמוֹ יַחְדָּו.

O magnify the Eternal One with me, and together let us exalt God's name.

L'cha Adonai Ha-gidula v'hag-vurah v'ha-tiferet v'ha-neitzach v-ha-hod. Ki chol ba-shamayim u'va-aretz. L'cha Adonai ha-mam-la-cha v'hamitnaseh l'chol l'rosh.

לְךָ יְהוָה הַגְּדֻלָּה וְהַגְּבוּרָה וְהַתִּפְאֶרֶת וְהַנֵּצַח וְהַהוֹד. כִּי כֹל בַּשָּׁמַיִם וּבָאָרֶץ. לְךָ יְהוָה הַמַּמְלָכָה וְהַמִּתְנַשֵּׂא לְכֹל לְרֹאשׁ.

Yours, O God, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and earth is Yours. You, O God, are sovereign; You are supreme over all.

Parashat Chukat

ALIYAH I: Numbers 20:1-5
Reader: *Andi Rosenthal*
Aliyah: *Dorien & Judy Grunbaum*
MiSheBeyrach…For A Legacy of Menschlichkeit

ALIYAH II: Numbers 20:6-11
Reader: *Rabbi Debra Goldstein*
Aliyah: *Rita's Women's Chavurah*
Mi-Shebeyrach---For A Legacy of Spirit

ALIYAH III: Numbers 20:22-26

Reader: *Rabbi Mara Nathan*

Aliyah: *Carolyn Kamlet, President*
David Becker, Outgoing Brotherhood President

Blessing before reading Torah

Reader: Ba-r'chu et Adonai ha-m'vo-rach!
Congregation: Ba-ruch Adonai ha-m'vo-rach l'o-lam va-ed!
Reader: Ba-ruch Adonai ha-m'vo-rach l'o-lam va-ed!
Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Ehloheinu meh-lech ha-o-lam, a-sher ba-char ba-nu mi-kol ha-a-mim, v'na-tan la-nu et Torah-toh. Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, no-tein ha-Torah.

בָּרְכוּ אֶת יְיָ, הַמְבֹרָךְ.
בָּרוּךְ יְיָ, הַמְבֹרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר-בָּנוּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים
וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ.
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה

Praise the One to whom praise is due! Praised be the One to whom praise is due, now and for ever! Praised be our Eternal God, Ruler of the universe, who has chosen us from all peoples by giving us the Torah. We praise You, Eternal One, Giver of the Torah.

Blessing after reading Torah

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eloheinu mehlech ha-o-lam, a-sher na-tan la-nu Toh-rat eh-met, v'cha-yei o-lam na-ta b'toh-chei-nu. Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, no-tein ha-Torah.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנוּ תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת,
וְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נָטַע בְּתוֹכֵנוּ.
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

Bless the Holy One of Blessing. Bless the Holy One forever blessing. Holy One of Blessing, Your Presence fills creation. You called us from all the peoples and gave us Your Torah. Holy One of Blessing, You give us Torah.

The Blessing of Leadership—Installation Pledge
Brotherhood, WRJ/Sisterhood & Temple Trustee Board Members, 5768

K'dushat Kehillah—The Pledge of Installation

The Boards of Brotherhood & WRJ/Sisterhood

RABBI:
Called to serve in Covenant, to make this congregation a more sacred place, we summon you to the leadership of our Brotherhood & WRJ/Sisterhood.

BOARD MEMBERS:
We pledge ourselves to the leadership of Larchmont Temple,
And commit ourselves to the Covenant upon which it rests:
To Torah—teaching & growing through Jewish learning.
To Avodah—searching for holiness & celebrating Jewish living.
To Gemilut Chasadim—performing acts of loving kindness.

The Temple Board of Trustees

RABBI:
Called to serve in Covenant, to make this congregation a more sacred place, we summon you to the leadership of the Larchmont Temple Board of Trustees.

TEMPLE OFFICERS & TRUSTEES:
We pledge ourselves to the leadership of Larchmont Temple,
And to the Covenant upon which it rests:
To Torah—teaching & growing through Jewish learning.
To Avodah—searching for holiness & celebrating Jewish living.
To Gemilut Chasadim—performing acts of loving-kindness.

TEMPLE PRESIDENT:
Standing upon foundations built by leaders of generations past,
We pledge ourselves to creating a Covenant community;
Embracing every member on the journey towards greater connection
With God, with Torah, and with the life of our People Israel.

CONGREGATION:
With this pledge of dedication, as role-models of covenant-living,
We affirm your appointment to serve.

RABBI:
So is your service made sacred, the leadership of Larchmont Temple Har Chayim—5768…
So with God's Blessing, May It Be!

MiSheBeyrach --- For Healing

We rise

Misheberach מי שברך

Mishe-bei-rach A-vo-tei-nu m'kor ha-b'ra-cha li-mo-taei-nu:
May the source of strength who blessed the ones before us.
Help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing,
And let us say – A-men.
Mi she-bei-rach I-mo-tei-nu m'kor ha-b'ra-cha l'a-vo-tei-nu
Bless those in need of healing with r'fu-a sh'-lei-ma
The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit
And let us say – Amen.

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Hagbah *Marvin Wexler*
Gelilah *Jerome Kogan & Jayne Lipman, Outgoing School Board Chairs*
Karen Epstein, Outgoing Nursery School Chair

V'zot ha-Torah, asher sahm Moshe lifnei b'nei Yisrael, al pi Adonai, b'yad Moshe.

וְזֹאת הַתּוֹרָה אֲשֶׁר שָׂם מֹשֶׁה לִפְנֵי בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל; עַל פִּי יְיָ, בְּיַד מֹשֶׁה.

This is the Torah, the word of God, delivered by Moses to the children of Israel.

We return the Torah to the Ark

Returning Torahs to the Ark *Andy Marks—Bob Samuelson—Carol Scharff*
Outgoing Trustees

Yi-hal'lu et shem Adonai, ki nis-gav sh'mo l'vado.

יְהַלְלוּ אֶת־שֵׁם יהוה, כִּי נִשְׂגָּב שְׁמוֹ לְבַדּוֹ.

Let us praise the Eternal God, whose name alone is exalted.

Ho-do al eretz, v'shamayim. Va-ya-rem keren l'amo t'hilah l'chol chasidav livnei Yisrael am k'rovo ha-l'luyah.

הוֹדוֹ עַל אֶרֶץ וְשָׁמָיִם. וַיָּרֶם קֶרֶן לְעַמּוֹ תְּהִלָּה לְכָל חֲסִידָיו לִבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל עַם קְרֹבוֹ הַלְלוּיָהּ.

Your splendor covers heaven and earth; You are the strength of Your people, making glorious Your faithful ones, Israel, a people close to You. Halleluyah!

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God's Torah is perfect reviving the soul;
God's word is unfailing, making wise the simple.

God's precept is right, delighting the mind;
God's Mitzvah is clear, giving light to the eyes.

God's doctrine is pure, enduring for ever;
God's guidance is true and altogether just.

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Behold a good doctrine has been given to you, My Torah do not forsake it. It is a tree of life to those who hold it fast; all of its supporters are happy. Its ways are ways of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace. Return us, Adonai, to You and we shall return; renew our days as in the past.

Eytz chayim hi la-ma-cha-zi-kim bah, v'tom'che-ha m'u-shar, d'rache-ha, darche no-am, v'chal n'ti-vo-te-ha shalom. Hashi-veinu, Adonai, ey-lecha v'na-shuvah, chadesh yameinu k'kedem.

עֵץ חַיִּים הִיא לַמַּחֲזִיקִים בָּהּ, וְתֹמְכֶיהָ מְאֻשָּׁר. דְּרָכֶיהָ דַרְכֵי נֹעַם, וְכָל נְתִיבוֹתֶיהָ שָׁלוֹם. הֲשִׁיבֵנוּ, יְיָ, אֵלֶיךָ וְנָשׁוּבָה; חַדֵּשׁ יָמֵינוּ כְּקֶדֶם.

LIVING TORAH...
RITA's Well *Rabbi Jeffrey Sirkman*

Aleinu—Attending the Ark *Larchmont Temple Support Group*

We rise

Aleinu **עלינו**

Aleinu l'shabeiach la'adon hakol,
lateit g'dula l'yotzeir b'reisheet,
she-lo asanu k'goyei ha'aratzot,
v'lo samanu k'mishp'chot ha'adama.
She-lo sam chelkeinu kahem, v'goraleinu
k'chol hamonam. Va'anachnu kor'im,
u'mishtachavim, u'modim lifnei mehlech
malchei ham'lachim, hakadosh baruch Hu.

עָלֵינוּ לְשַׁבֵּחַ לַאֲדוֹן הַכֹּל,
לָתֵת גְּדֻלָּה לְיוֹצֵר בְּרֵאשִׁית,
שֶׁלֹּא עָשָׂנוּ כְּגוֹיֵי הָאֲרָצוֹת,
וְלֹא שָׂמָנוּ כְּמִשְׁפְּחוֹת הָאֲדָמָה.
שֶׁלֹּא שָׂם חֶלְקֵנוּ כָּהֶם, וְגוֹרָלֵנוּ
כְּכָל הֲמוֹנָם. וַאֲנַחְנוּ כּוֹרְעִים,
וּמִשְׁתַּחֲוִים, וּמוֹדִים, לִפְנֵי מֶלֶךְ,
מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים, הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא.

She-hu noteh shamayim v'yoseid aretz,
umoshav y'karo bashamayim mima'al
ush'chinat uzo b'govhei m'romim.
Hu Ehloheinu, ein od. Ehmet malkeinu,
ehfes zulatoh, kakatuv b'tohratoh:
V'yadata hayom v'hashevota el l'vavecha,
ki Adonai hu ha-ehlohim bashamayim
mima'al v'al ha-aretz mitachat, ein od.

שֶׁהוּא נוֹטֶה שָׁמַיִם וְיוֹסֵד אָרֶץ,
וּמוֹשַׁב יְקָרוֹ בַּשָּׁמַיִם מִמַּעַל
וּשְׁכִינַת עֻזּוֹ בְּגַבְהֵי מְרוֹמִים.
הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ, אַיִן עוֹד אֱמֶת מַלְכֵּנוּ
אֶפֶס זוּלָתוֹ, כַּכָּתוּב בְּתוֹרָתוֹ:
וְיָדַעְתָּ הַיּוֹם וַהֲשֵׁבֹתָ אֶל־לְבָבֶךָ,
כִּי יְיָ הוּא הָאֱלֹהִים בַּשָּׁמַיִם מִמַּעַל
וְעַל־הָאָרֶץ מִתָּחַת, אֵין עוֹד.

V'nehehmar: v'ha-yah Adonai l'mehlech
al kol haaretz; bayom hahu yih'yeh
Adonai ehchad, ush'mo echhad.

וְנֶאֱמַר, וְהָיָה יְיָ לְמֶלֶךְ עַל כָּל הָאָרֶץ,
בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יִהְיֶה יְיָ אֶחָד, וּשְׁמוֹ אֶחָד׃

We must praise the God of all, the Maker of heaven and earth, who has set us apart from the other families of earth, giving us a destiny unique among the nations. Therefore we bow in awe and thanksgiving before the One who is Sovereign over all, the Holy and Blessed One. You spread out the heavens and established the earth; You are our God; there is none else. In truth You alone are our sovereign God, as it is written: "Know then this day and take it to heart: the Eternal One is God in the heavens above and on the earth below; there is none else." Eternal God, we face the morrow with hope made stronger by the vision of Your deliverance, a world where poverty and war are banished, where injustice and hate are gone. Teach us more and more to respond to the pain of others, to heed Your call for justice, to pursue the blessing of peace. Grant us wisdom and strength. O God, that we may bring nearer the day when all the world shall be one. And it has been said: "The Eternal God shall rule over all the earth; on that day You shall be One and Your name shall be One."

Birth is a beginning
And death a destination;
But life is a journey,
A going- a growing
From stage to stage.

From childhood to maturity
And youth to age.
From innocence to
awareness
And ignorance to
knowing;
From foolishness to
discretion
And then perhaps to wisdom.
From weakness to
strength
Or strength to
weakness-
And, often, back again.
From health to sickness
And back, we pray, to health again.

From offense to forgiveness,
From loneliness to love,
From joy to gratitude,

From pain to compassion,
And grief to
understanding-
From fear to faith.

From defeat to defeat to
defeat-
Until, looking backward
or ahead,
We see that victory lies
Not at some high place
along the way,
But in having made the
journey,
Stage by stage-
A sacred pilgrimage.

Birth is a beginning,
And death a destination;
But life is a journey,
A sacred pilgrimage
Made stage by stage-
From birth to death
To life everlasting.

[Rabbi Alvin Fine]

That's my philosophy. Life goes on, and you have to go on. I think you have a soul. And I believe the soul continues living somehow. And I also feel that a person has touched upon many lives, and that they are aware of it.

That's what I believe that death is. The outer shell—the body—goes, but something stays behind and continues. I also believe that you have your own life in your hands, somehow. Really, we are all inter-related.

Rita Grunbaum

Kaddish...For Life

קדיש יתום

Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba
b'alma div'ra chirutei v'yamlich malchutei
b'chayeichon uv'yomeichon uv'chayei
d'chol beit Yisraeil, baagala uvizman
kariv, v'imr'u: Amein. Y'hei sh'mei raba
m'varach l'alam ul'almei almaya.
Yitbarach v'yishtabach v'yitpaar,
v'yitromam, v'yitnasei, v'yithadar,
v'yitaleh, v'yithalal sh'mei d'kudsha,
b'rich hu. L'eila min kol birchata v'shirata
tushb'chata v'nehchehmata daamiran
b'alma v'im'ru: Amein. Y'hei sh'lama raba
min sh'maya v'chayim aleinu v'al kol
Yisraeil, v'im'ru: Amein. Oseh shalom
bim'romav, hu yaaseh shalom
Aleinu v'al kol Yisraeil, v'im'ru: Amein.

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעָלְמָא
דִּי בְרָא כִרְעוּתֵהּ, וְיַמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתֵהּ
בְּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל.
בַּעֲגָלָא וּבִזְמַן קָרִיב וְאִמְרוּ: אָמֵן.
יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלַם
וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח,
וְיִתְפָּאַר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא
וְיִתְהַדַּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלַּל שְׁמֵהּ דְּקֻדְשָׁא
בְּרִיךְ הוּא, לְעֵלָּא מִן כָּל בִּרְכָתָא וְשִׁירָתָא,
תֻּשְׁבְּחָתָא וְנֶחֱמָתָא, דַּאֲמִירָן בְּעָלְמָא,
וְאִמְרוּ: אָמֵן. יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן
שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל,
וְאִמְרוּ: אָמֵן. עֹשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם בִּמְרוֹמָיו
הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל
יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן׃

Let the glory of God be extolled, let His great name be hallowed in the world whose creation He willed. May His kingdom soon prevail, in our own day, our own lives, and the life of all Israel, and let us say: Amen. Let His great name be blessed for ever and ever. Let the name of the Holy One, blessed is He, be glorified, exalted, and honored, though He is beyond all the praises, songs, and adorations that we can utter, and let us say: Amen. For us and for all Israel, may the blessing of peace and the promise of life come true, and let us say: Amen. May the One who causes peace to reign in the high heavens, let peace descend on us, on all Israel, and all the world, and let us say: Amen.

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May the Source of peace send peace to all who mourn, and comfort to all who are bereaved. Amen

Greetings
In Gratitude—For Sacred Service *Carolyn Kamlet, President*

Closing Song: *All-Boards Choir*

A-don o-lam, a-sher ma-lach, b'teh-rem kol y'tzir niv-ra;
L'eit na-a-sa v'chef-tzo kol, a-zai meh-lech sh'mo nik-ra

V'a-cha-rei kich-lot ha-kol, l-va-do yim-loch no-ra;
V'hu ha-ya, v'hu ho-veh, v'hu yi-h'yeh b'tif-a-ra.

V'hu Eh-chad, v'ein shei-ni l'ham-shil lo, l'hach-bi-ra;
B'li rei-sheet, b'li tach-lit, v'lo ha-oz v'ha-mis-ra.

V'hu Ei-li, v'chai go-a-li, v'tzur chev-li b'eit tza-ra;
V-hu ni-si u-ma-nos li, m'nat ko-si b'yom ek-ra.

B'ya-do af-kid ru-chi, b'eit i-shan v'a-i-ra;
V'im ru-chi g'vi-ya-ti; Adonai li, v'lo i-ra.

אֲדוֹן עוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר מָלַךְ, בְּטֶרֶם כָּל
יְצִיר נִבְרָא. לְעֵת נַעֲשָׂה בְחֶפְצוֹ כֹּל,
אֲזַי מֶלֶךְ שְׁמוֹ נִקְרָא.
וְאַחֲרֵי כִכְלוֹת הַכֹּל, לְבַדּוֹ יִמְלוֹךְ נוֹרָא.
וְהוּא הָיָה, וְהוּא הֹוֶה, וְהוּא יִהְיֶה,
בְּתִפְאָרָה. וְהוּא אֶחָד וְאֵין שֵׁנִי,
לְהַמְשִׁיל לוֹ לְהַחְבִּירָה. בְּלִי רֵאשִׁית
בְּלִי תַכְלִית, וְלוֹ הָעֹז וְהַמִּשְׂרָה.
וְהוּא אֵלִי וְחַי גּוֹאֲלִי, וְצוּר חֶבְלִי
בְּעֵת צָרָה. וְהוּא נִסִּי וּמָנוֹס לִי
מְנָת כּוֹסִי בְּיוֹם אֶקְרָא.
בְּיָדוֹ אַפְקִיד רוּחִי, בְּעֵת אִישַׁן וְאָעִירָה.
וְעִם רוּחִי גְּוִיָּתִי, יְיָ לִי וְלֹא אִירָא.

Led in Worship by Shir Ami

Mensch, n. [wholly/holy] *human being*

Person of character; one who lives with honesty, humility and integrity; One who is kind unconditionally. Someone who honors all people and thus receives greatest possible praise as a Jew. "S/He is such a Mensch!"

From the Ten Commandments of Character, Rabbi Joseph Telushkin
Here is my list of the ten prerequisites for doing good…

1. **KNOW YOUR WEAKNESSES**…Those who are unaware of their weaknesses will stumble through life, hurting others, again and again.
2. **CHOOSE ETHICS**…The unwillingness to make ethical behavior one's supreme value leads many otherwise admirable people to advocate or do despicable things.
3. **TREAT ALL PEOPLE WITH KINDNESS**…Because every human being contains within him or herself an aspect of God, each person is profoundly important…This recognition guards us against believing we are more worthwhile than someone else
4. **BE FAIR**…The essence of being fair is not to be petty, to judge people by all they have done, and not to seek to diminish their status by one or two things they may have done wrong.
5. **BE COURAGEOUS**…Have moral courage—the willingness to face social disapproval in order to stand up for what is morally right.
6. **BE HONEST**…What matters most to God, and therefore what should matter to us, is not ritual observance, but honesty in our dealings with others.
7. **BE GRATEFUL**…The character trait that offers the most immediate reward to its practitioners is gratitude, for this is a prerequisite to true happiness.
8. **PRACTICE SELF CONTROL**…Once someone chooses not to exercise self-control, he may well end up justifying whatever it is he wants to do.
9. **EXERCISE COMMON SENSE**…Someone with a lack of common sense has the capacity to inflict terrible hurt…It has been wisely said, "Common sense is not so common!"
10. **ADMIT WRONG**…People of character, knowing that they possess free-will, acknowledge when they have done something wrong…It is this acknowledgment that motivates them to doing better in the future.

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